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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count report examines statewide and county trends in the well-being of Colorado's children. The statistical portrait is based on 12 indicators of well-being: (1) infant mortality; (2) low birth weight births; (3) immunizations; (4) child poverty; (5) early prenatal care; (6) child abuse deaths; (7) health insurance; (8) paternity establishment; (9) teen births; (10) teen suicide rate; (11) youth unemployment; and (12) high school graduations. The report begins with a discussion of progress toward the Decade of the Child goals set for the year 2000. The bulk of the report details county- and state-level demographic, economic, health, education, and safety data. County-level trends for data are indicated where appropriate, based on 1991, 1994, and 1997 data. The report's findings indicate that infant mortality, early prenatal care, percentage of young children who are fully immunized, paternity establishment, the number of children dying from abuse or neglect, teen birth rate, and teen suicide rate have all shown improvement since 1990. Low birth weight births and high school graduation rates have worsened during the 1990s. (KB)

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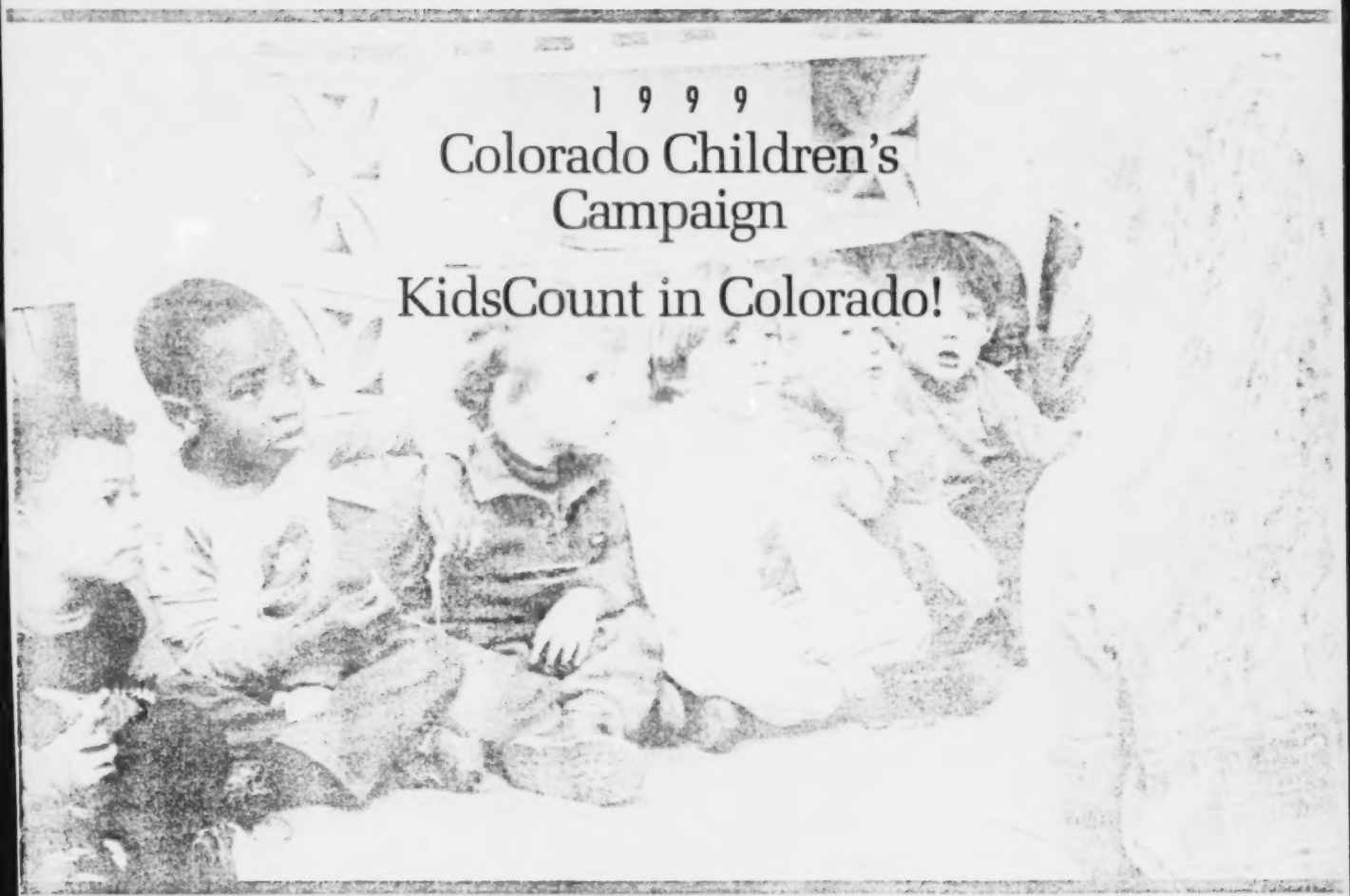

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Foreword:

Since 1990, scientific research about the way in which a child's brain develops, welfare reform and a landmark settlement with the tobacco industry have been part of a transformation in the definition of what constitutes children's issues.

In Colorado at the start of the decade, intervention rather than prevention ruled the day, youth unemployment was of great concern and child care had yet to emerge as a policy issue. Today, parenting and the role of both mothers and fathers in their children's lives are the public's top concern. School achievement, determined by test scores, continually grabs headlines and the attention of policy makers. The devolution of government has given states, counties and local jurisdictions greater control over programs that affect the children and families they represent. The need for local data, as a result of this devolution, has grown even more important as we near the year 2000.

	Where we were (1990)	Where we are (1997)	Our goal (2000)
Infant Mortality Rate	8.8 per 1,000	7.0 per 1,000	7 per 1,000
Low Birth Weight Births	8.0%	8.9%	5%
Children Fully Immunized	58% (1991)	74%	90%
Children Living in Poverty	15%	available after 2000 census	8%
Moms Receiving Early Prenatal Care	77.8%	82.9%	90%
Number of Children Dying From Child Abuse	31	24 (1996)	12
Children with Health Insurance	85%	available after 2000 census	100%
Cases in Which Paternity Established for Births to Unmarried Women	8.6%	62.4%	70%
Teen Birth Rate	54.3 per 1,000	47.4 per 1,000	25 per 1,000
Teen Suicide Rate	9.7 per 100,000	8.9 per 100,000	3.5 per 100,000
Youth Unemployment	13%	available after 2000 census	7%
High School Graduation Rate	80%	78.5%	90%

In 1990, the Colorado Children's Campaign developed goals in critical areas of child health, education and safety and set about working to meet them. Progress toward these Decade of the Child goals, endorsed by over 1,200 Colorado organizations and community leaders, is reported on this year. This information will help us prepare for children's issues in the next decade.

Just as the definition of children's issues has changed, so has the face of the KidsCount report. Whenever possible, emphasis will be on county-level data and new indicators will be incorporated as they become available. With a new decade upon us, the Children's Campaign commits itself to an analysis of the issues most critical to children's well-being in order to determine the ways in which Colorado's efforts might best be targeted.

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Showing Improvement:

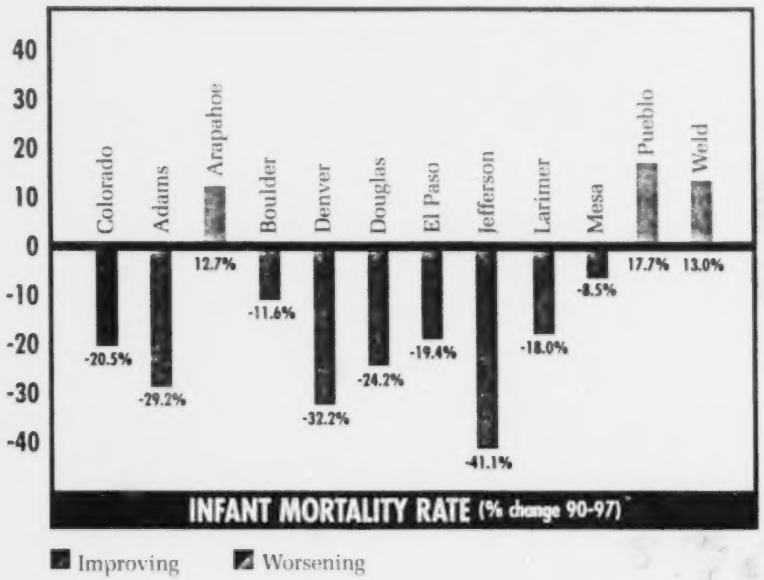
The majority of indicators tracked by Decade of the Child efforts have shown improvement since the start of the decade. Policy decisions, technological improvements, and increased public awareness have all played a role in moving the following indicators forward during the 1990s.

Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate reflects the rate at which children die before they reach their first birthday. About two-thirds of infant deaths are associated with events surrounding the prenatal period and delivery. The remaining third are linked to circumstances that arise after delivery, which often indicate social or economic factors.

Due in large part to improvements in medical technology, Colorado's infant mortality rate has improved since 1990. The Decade of the Child goal of seven deaths per 1,000 live births has been realized, improving from 8.8 per 1,000 at the start of the decade. Of the 11 largest counties in Colorado, eight have seen improvement since 1990 and three, Arapahoe, Pueblo and Weld, have worsened.

Colorado ranks 12th in the United States for infant mortality based on 1995 data. National statistics show that black infants continue to die at twice the rate of white infants, though the rates for both are improving. The mortality rate for infants born into poor families is 50% higher than the rate for those born into families living above the poverty level.

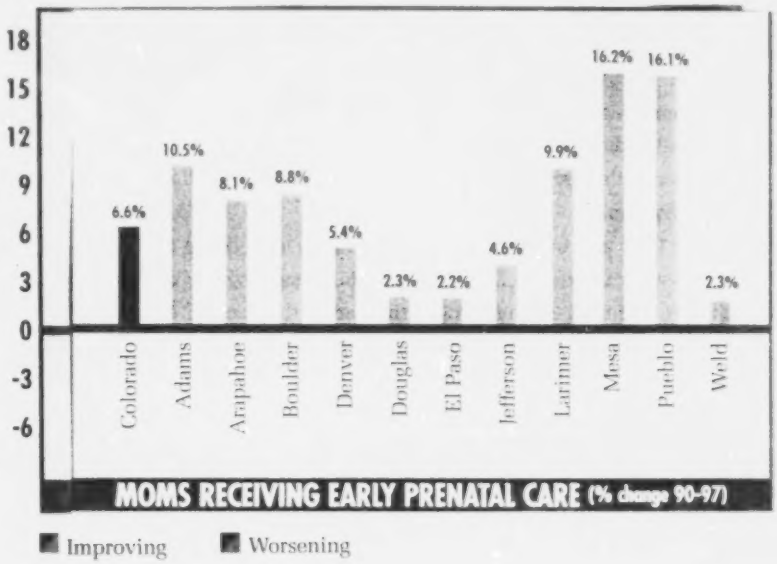


Early Prenatal Care

Early prenatal care measures the percent of pregnant women who receive prenatal care during the first trimester of their pregnancy. Women who receive early and consistent prenatal care stand a better chance of delivering healthy babies and are more likely to get preventive and well-baby care for their infants.

Colorado's early prenatal care measure has improved by 6.6% since 1990. Currently, 82.9% of pregnant women receive early prenatal care. Each of the 11 largest counties in Colorado has seen increased rates of early prenatal care since the beginning of the decade. Douglas and Jefferson counties have reached the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

National rates have also shown improvement since the beginning of the decade. The 81% rate reported in 1995 is the highest level ever recorded in the United States. Growth in early prenatal care occurred among all racial and ethnic groups during the 1990s. Colorado's rank based on 1995 data is 38th in the nation.



Children Fully Immunized

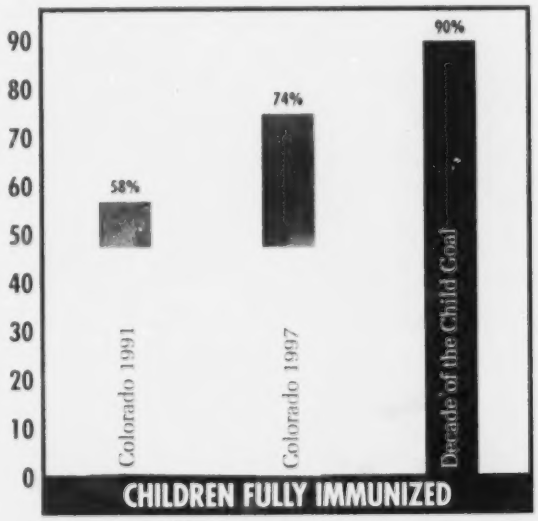
This indicator measures the percent of 19-35 month-old children who are fully immunized. The rate of childhood immunization is one measure of the extent to which children are protected from serious preventable illnesses. Immunizations are very cost-effective, shown to save $10 in later medical costs for every $1 spent.

State efforts during the 1990s to raise awareness and increase immunization rates have been successful, though rates have not yet reached the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. In 1997, 74% of 19-35 month-old children were fully immunized, compared to 58% in 1991.

Reliable data about the percent of children fully immunized at the county level is not currently available due to the sampling method used by the National Immunization Survey.

Nationally, 78% of children in 1997 were fully immunized. Children with family incomes below the poverty level are less likely to have received the full series of vaccines than children above the poverty level.

Note: Because survey methods changed significantly in 1994, it is inappropriate to draw conclusions about the precise change in immunization rates since 1991.



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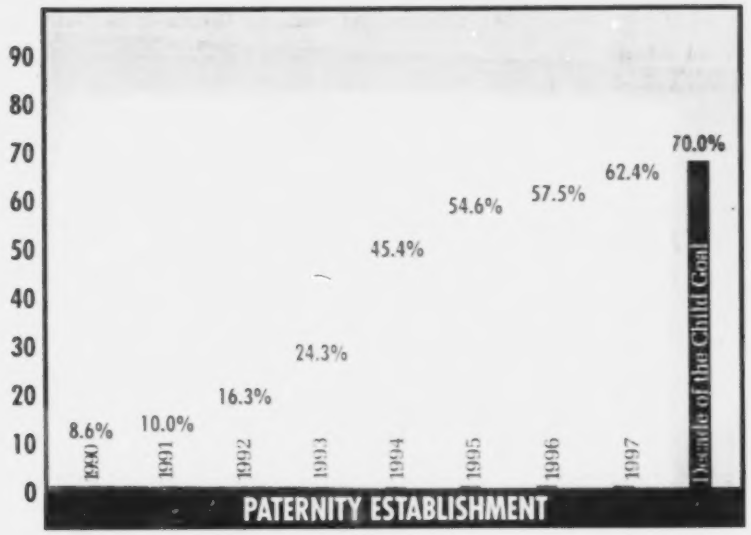
Paternity Establishment

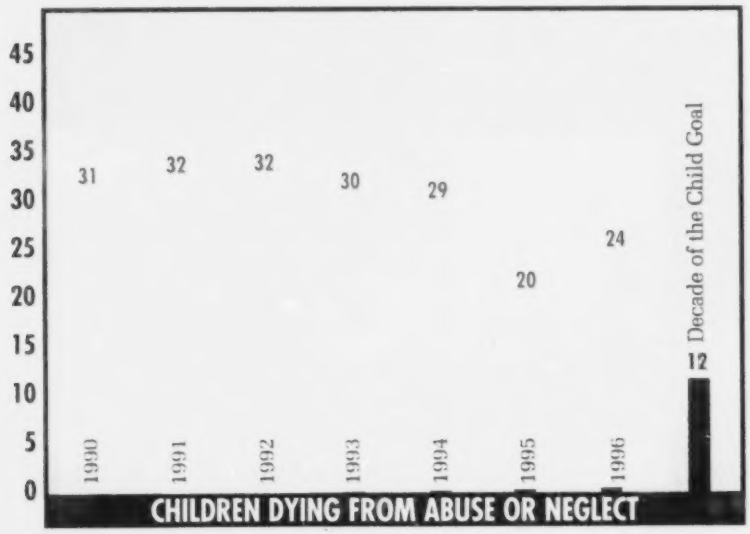
This indicator measures the percent of cases in which paternity is established for births to unmarried women. In 1997, 14,240 babies were born to unwed mothers. Births to single mothers account for 25% of total births in Colorado.

Colorado's paternity establishment rate has progressed significantly during the 1990s, and is nearing the Decade of the Child goal of 70%. Statewide, paternity was established for 62.4% of births to unwed mothers in 1997. The rate for 1997 will continue to increase over time due to paternity establishment that occurs later, and may reach the Decade of the Child goal. All 11 of the largest counties in the state have shown significant improvement in this area since the start of the decade.

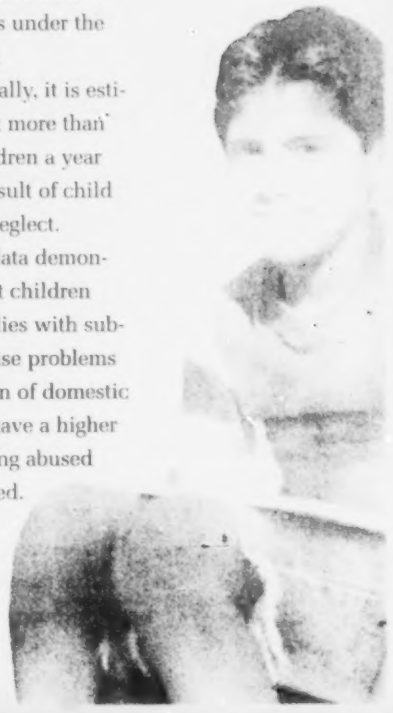


Children Dying From Abuse or Neglect

The number of children dying as a result of child abuse or neglect is lower in 1996 than in 1990, but remains distant from the Decade of the Child goal of 12. The last year for which complete data is available, 1996, saw 24 children die statewide as a result of child abuse or neglect. Victims under the age of five typically account for about 85% of the deaths, and 47% are less than a year old.



Nationally, it is estimated that more than 1,200 children a year die as a result of child abuse or neglect. National data demonstrates that children from families with substance abuse problems or a pattern of domestic violence have a higher risk of being abused or neglected.



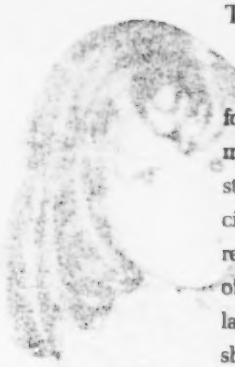
Teen Birth Rate

The teen birth rate measures the rate of births to teens aged 15-19. The issue of teen childbearing is very different now than in past decades. Prior to 1980, most teenagers giving birth were married. In 1997, only 27.3% of teens in Colorado giving birth were married. National data indicate that among babies born to mothers who are under the age of 19, two-thirds of the fathers are aged 20 or older.

Colorado's teen birth rate has shown improvement since 1990, decreasing 12.7% since the beginning of the decade. Of the 11 largest counties in the state, only Weld County has seen an increase in the rate of births to teens. Nevertheless, with a 1997 state rate of 47.4 births per 1,000 teens, the Decade of the Child goal of 25 births per 1,000 remains out of reach.

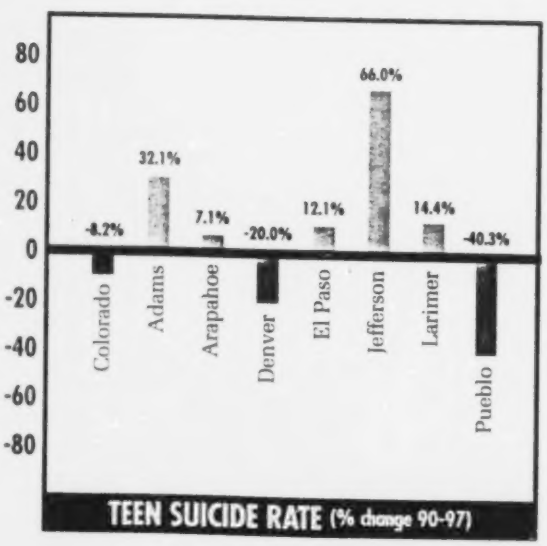
The teen birth rate for the nation as a whole has declined 12% since 1991, reaching 54.7 births per 1,000 teens in 1996. Reductions in the teen birth rate during this time were experienced in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. National studies indicate that the proportion of teens having sexual intercourse has recently declined, and that use of contraceptives has increased among sexually active teens.

Teen Suicide Rate



The teen suicide rate, a measure of suicides for teens aged 10-19, has shown overall improvement since 1990. A decrease of 8.2% in the statewide rate has resulted in a rate of 8.9 suicides per 100,000 teens in 1997, yet Colorado remains far from the Decade of the Child goal of 3.5 suicides per 100,000. Decade trends in the largest counties vary, with Denver and Pueblo showing improvement and Adams, Arapahoe, El Paso, Jefferson and Larimer worsening. Data for Boulder, Douglas, Mesa and Weld were unavailable for 1997.

Western mountain states, including Colorado, typically have the nation's highest rates of suicide. Suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for young people in the United States.



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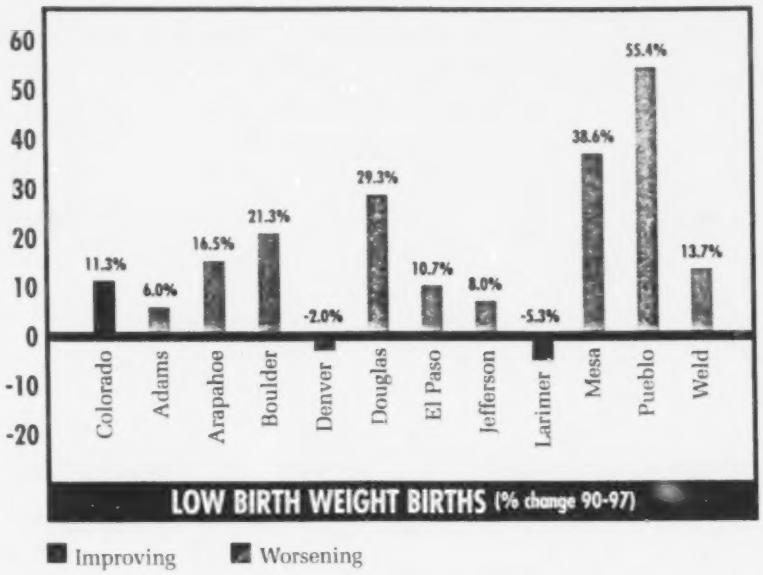
Worsening:

Two Decade of the Child indicators, low birth weight births and high school graduation, have worsened during the 1990s. Local and state level initiatives aimed at creating positive change in both areas are under way, and potentially offer to uncover ways in which these trends can be reversed.

Low Birth Weight

The low birth weight rate is a measure of the percent of babies born weighing 5.5 lbs. or less. Low birth weight is the chief contributor to infant mortality and illness. Colorado's low birth weight rate has worsened since 1990, reaching a high of 8.9% in 1997. Of the 11 largest counties, only Denver and Larimer have shown progress since the start of the decade and none has reached the decade goal of 5%.



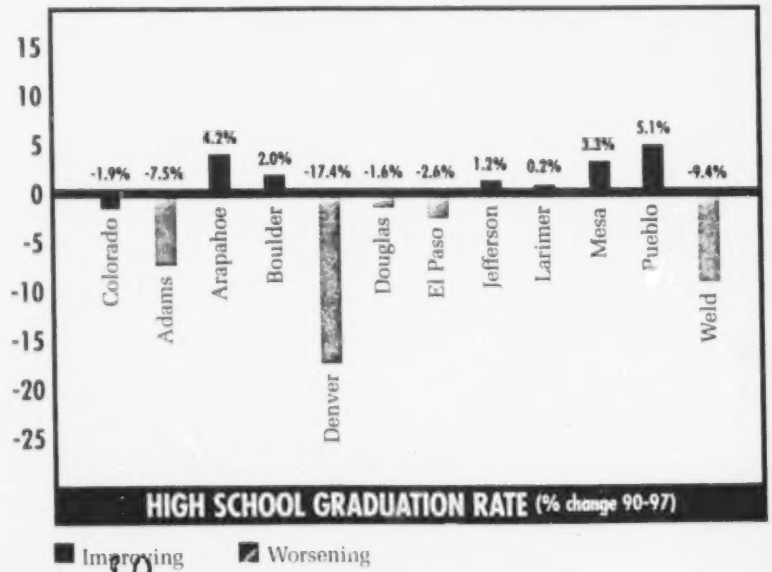
Recent research indicates that untreated infections in pregnant women contribute substantially to the occurrence of low birth weight births. These infections, often non-symptomatic, can include infections of the reproductive tract and even tooth or gum infections. Studies in Colorado women indicate that a "screen and treat prevent" model can deter preterm birth in many instances. Other factors tied to low birth weight births include high altitude and risk behaviors during pregnancy such as smoking, alcohol use and poor nutrition.

Nationally, the percentage of babies born at low birth weight remains at its highest level in 20 years. Colorado fares poorly among the states, ranking 41st in the nation for low birth weight births, and worst (51st) for low birth weight births to white mothers.

High School Graduation Rate

This rate is a measure of the percent of 9th grade students who graduate from high school four years later. Colorado's high school graduation rate, 80% in 1990, has declined slightly since the start of the decade and is now 78.5%. Of the 11 largest counties in the state, Denver fared most poorly, showing a 17% decline from 1990 levels to 62.7% in 1997. None of the state's 11 largest counties has met the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

The following are 1997 graduation rates for students by race/ethnicity: White 83.1%; Asian 82.6%; Black 68.2%; Hispanic 61.9%; American Indian 52.8%. Female students continue to graduate at a higher rate than male students (81.9% compared to 75.3%).



Decade of the Child Indicators

Census Indicators:

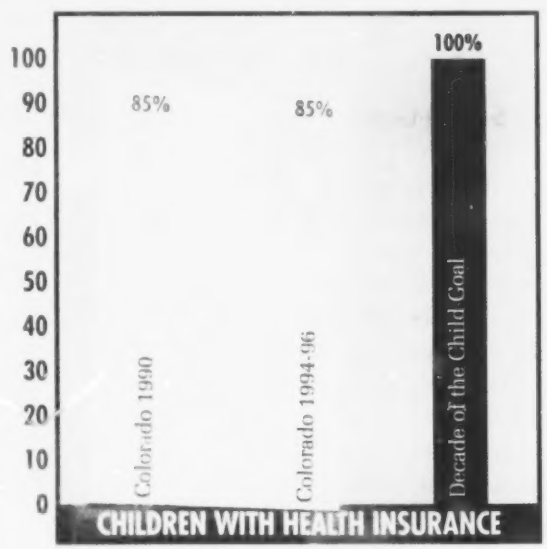
The Census is conducted every 10 years in accordance with the United States Constitution and provides authoritative benchmarks for virtually all demographic information used by educators, policy makers, journalists, and community organizations. The Census provides the most statistically accurate data possible for several indicators targeted by Decade of the Child efforts including children with health insurance, children living in poverty, and youth unemployment. Definitive information on the state's progress toward Decade of the Child goals in these areas will not be available until results from the 2000 Census have been published.

Children With Health Insurance

The 1990 Census indicated that some form of health insurance covered 85% of Colorado children under the age of 19. Estimates from the Current Population Survey, averaged for 1994-1996 annual data, match the 1990 Census rate of 85%. The health insurance status of the state's children as measured by the 2000 Census will be compared to the Decade of the Child goal of insurance coverage for 100% of Colorado children.

Studies have shown that children lacking health insurance coverage are less likely to get preventive care or see a doctor when they are sick, and more likely to get treatment in an emergency room and report poor health. While Colorado's rate of uninsured children has remained stable at 15% since the start of the decade, the actual number of children lacking health insurance has grown because of the state's increasing population. In 1995, approximately 162,000 children in Colorado were without health insurance, an increase of 26,000 since the start of the decade.

Nationally, 86% of children had some form of health insurance coverage in 1995. This percentage has remained fairly stable since the late 1980's. However, the proportion of children covered by private health insurance has declined in recent years, from 74% in 1987 to 66% in 1995. Hispanic children are less likely to have health insurance (73%) than either white children (87%) or black children (85%).



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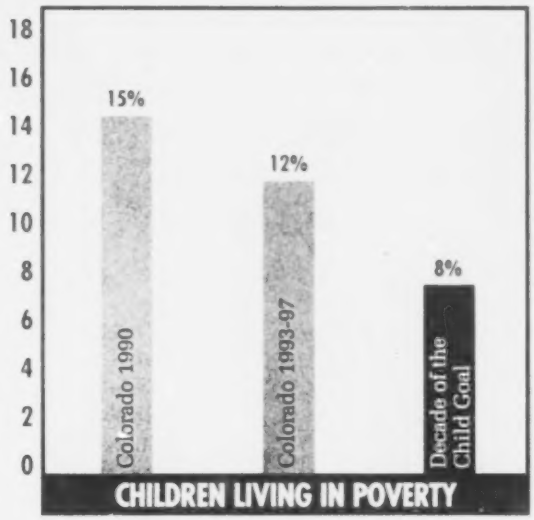
Children Living In Poverty

The 1990 Census determined Colorado's child poverty rate to be 15%. The Current Population Survey, averaged for 1993-1997 annual data, estimates the state's child poverty rate to be 12%. The Decade of the Child goal for child poverty is 8%.

Research has demonstrated that early childhood is the stage in which family income conditions matter the most. Family income is strongly related to children's physical health, cognitive ability and school achievement in elementary school. Growing up poor is also associated with low income in adulthood. These effects of income are most pronounced for young children who experience persistent and extreme poverty.



Nationally, according to the Current Population Survey, the poverty rate for children under the age of six remains the highest among all age groups. In 1996, the estimated poverty rate for young children was 23%, more than twice as high as rates for adults and the elderly (both at about 11%). Although children living with single parents are disproportionately poor, the poverty rate has more than doubled in traditional two-parent families (father employed full-time and mother not working) between 1975 and 1996, rising from six to 14%.

Youth Unemployment

Colorado, like many states nationwide, was just beginning to rebound from an economic recession in 1990. As a result, the youth unemployment rate was of great concern. In 1990, the Colorado Department of Labor found the youth unemployment rate to be 13.4 percent. This youth unemployment rate, defined as the percent of 16-21 year-olds looking for work but unable to find it, represented an improvement over rates in the late 1980s.

The Decade of the Child goal is to reduce unemployment among youth to 7%. An updated youth unemployment rate will not be available until the results of the 2000 Census are published.

Since the start of the decade, a new way of looking at how youth are spending their time has been developed. The National Kids Count Data Book tracks the percent of teens, aged 16-19, who are not enrolled in school and not employed. In 1990, about 9% of Colorado teens were not in school and not working. The rate in 1995 was also 9%, placing Colorado at 23rd in the nation for this measure.

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Number of children receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children in 1997 provided by the Colorado Department of Human Services. Population estimates prepared by the Demography Section, Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The rate is the monthly average number of children receiving AFDC during the first half of 1997 per 1,000 children. Calculations by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Children receiving TANF (rate per 1,000) July-December, 1997
Number of children receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families in 1997 provided by the Colorado Department of Human Services. Population estimates prepared by the Demography Section, Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The rate is the monthly average number of children receiving TANF during the second half of 1997 per 1,000 children. Calculations by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Children qualifying for free lunch (percent)
Percent of children in public school who qualify for free school lunches in 1997 provided by the Colorado Department of Education. Public school children qualify for free lunches if their family income is less than 130% of the official poverty level. Comparable 1991 data not available due to significant change in reporting practices.

Children in out of home placements (rate per 1,000)
Out of home placements include family foster care, specialized group homes, residential childcare facilities, independent living situations, foster care with relatives, residential treatment centers, detention, legal risk adoptions, medical care, and both emergency and non-emergency placements in receiving or shelters. Rate of emergency and non-emergency out of home placements by the Department of Human Services in 1997 per 1,000 children provided by the Child Welfare Services Division, Colorado Department of Human Services.

Births to single moms (percent)
Births to single moms per 100 live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Teen births to single teens (percent)
Births to single teens per 100 teen live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Moms receiving early prenatal care (percent)
Births for which prenatal care was initiated in the first trimester of pregnancy per 100 live births in 1997 with known start of prenatal care provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Low birth weight births (percent)
Babies born weighing 5.5 pounds or less (less than 2.5 kilograms) per 100 live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Deaths of infants under age 1 (rate per 1,000)
Deaths during the first year of life per 1,000 live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Deaths of children under age 18 (rate per 100,000)
Deaths per 100,000 children under 18 in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, includes deaths from natural causes (such as illness or congenital defects) and injury (including motor vehicle deaths, homicides and suicides).

Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)
Number of confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect provided by the Central Registry of Child Protection, Division of Child Welfare Services, Colorado Department of Human Services. An incident may involve more than one child, and includes physical abuse, neglect, medical neglect, sexual abuse and psychological or emotional abuse or neglect.

Children needing child care (# 1990) Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)
Child care need may be estimated based on the number of children under the age of six with all parents in the workforce and the number of spaces in state licensed child care centers and homes. The number of children with all parents in the workforce taken from the 1990 Census; the number of licensed child care spaces provided by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care, Services Facility and Spaces Report, May 1998.

Pre K-12 public school students (#)
K-12 private school students (#)
K-12 home school students (#)
Number of public school, private school, and home school students provided by the Colorado Department of Education. Students enrolled in BOCES are included in the state total, but not the county report card breakout.

High school graduation rate (percent)
"The 1997 graduation rate is a four-year rate based on students reported by school districts who began 9th grade in the 1993-94 school year. The membership base used to calculate a high school's graduation rate includes students who transfer into the Class of 1997 and excludes students who transfer out of the Class of 1997. In addition, high schools can adjust their membership base for a student reported as a dropout during a previous school year if the high school has documentation that the student returned or transferred to another educational program." — *1996-97 Colorado Graduation Rates for Class of 1997, March 1998.* The 1997 graduation rate provided by the Colorado Department of Education.

High school dropout rate (percent)
"The dropout rate is an annual rate reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during the reporting period and are not known to transfer to other public or private schools. In accordance with a 1993 legislative mandate, beginning with the 1993-94 school year, the dropout rate calculation excludes expelled students." — *1996-97 Annual Dropout Rates for Grades 7-12, March 1998.* The 1996-97 public school dropout rate provided by the Colorado Department of Education.

Births to teens (percent of all births)
Births to teens per 100 live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Teen birth rate (rate per 1,000)
Live births to girls, ages 15-19, per 1,000 female teens of that age in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Three risk factor births (percent)
Births that are to single mothers under 25 years of age with less than a high school education per 100 live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Teen suicide rate 1993-1997 average (rate per 100,000)
Average annual suicides per 100,000 children ages 10-17 in 1993-1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000) Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 100,000)
Numbers of juvenile arrests provided by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Crime Information Center in *Crime in Colorado 1997*, the Annual Report of the Department of Public Safety. Population estimates provided by the Demography Section, Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Calculations by the Colorado Children's Campaign. The arrest rate is the number of all juvenile arrests (ages 5-17) per 1,000 youth ages 10-17. The violent crime arrest rate is the number of arrests of juveniles ages 5-17 for violent crimes (homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault and robbery) per 10,000 youth ages 10-17. All agencies may not have reported 12 months of juvenile arrest data; the rates are subject to change. The annual figures include all arrests of youth during the year reported by law enforcement agencies. An individual is counted once for each time s/he is arrested. If the arrest is for multiple offenses, the arrest is counted only for the most serious offense. Statewide rates include arrests made by the Colorado State Patrol, but county rates do not. Note that 11 cities in Colorado are located in two or more counties, but their arrest figures are attributed to one county. (Arvada/Jefferson, Aurora/Adams, Basalt/Eagle, Bow Mar/Arapahoe, Brighton/ Adams, Broomfield/Boulder, Center/Saguache, Erie/Weld, Green Mountain Falls/ El Paso, Littleton/Arapahoe, and Westminster/Adams.)

The Colorado Children's Campaign relies on data from federal, state and local agencies. These sources are the final authority relating to the quality of any data.

Population estimates provided by the Demography Section, Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Division of Local Government. Number of live births in 1997 provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	4,016,304
1998 population under 18	1,053,075
1997 # of live births	56,505

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$35,930
Median income of married couple family	$40,095
Median income of female headed family	$17,505
# of children living in poverty	126,181
% of children living in poverty	15%

Did you know?

The state has demonstrated progress on 7 of the 12 Decade of the Child indicators since 1990. Only the low birth weight rate and the high school graduation rate have worsened since the start of the decade. Three of the Decade of the Child indicators, the child poverty rate, children with health insurance, and youth unemployment, will be updated once results of the 2000 Census are published.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97	trend
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) (1-6/97)	85.9	83.9	53.4	⇩
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) (7-12/97)			44.7	
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	20.8	21.9	⇧
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.5	13.4	13.2	⇧
Births to single moms (%)	23.8	25.0	25.2	⇧
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.4	72.5	72.7	⇧
CHILD HEALTH				
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.6	80.7	82.9	⇧
Low birth weight births (%)	8.2	8.6	8.9	⇧
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.4	6.9	7.0	⇩
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	83.3	73.1	66.0	⇩
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5,886	5,409	⇩
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION				
Children needing child care (# 1990)			177,027	
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			127,675	
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	593,030	640,521	687,167	⇧
K-12 private school students (#)	38,142	47,314	48,768	⇧
K-12 home school students (#)	3,331	6,656	8,590	⇧
High school graduation rate (%)	78.9	78.8	78.5	--
High school dropout rate (%)	3.6	4.3	3.6	--
SIGNS OF TROUBLE				
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.6	12.1	11.8	--
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.7	50.6	47.4	⇩
Three risk factor births (%)	8.1	8.3	8.2	--
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			8.7	
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	148.0	138.0	155.7	--
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	50.1	42.0	34.5	⇩

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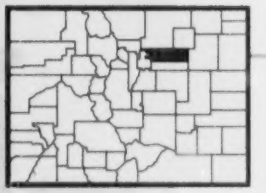

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Adams County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	321,866
1998 population under 18	92,421
1997 # of live births	4,992

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$34,618
Median income of married couple family	$38,385
Median income of female headed family	$18,297
# of children living in poverty	10,628
% of children living in poverty	14.1%

Did you know?

The infant mortality rate in Adams County has dropped to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 births in 1997, reaching the Decade of the Child goal. The teen birth rate is declining, but remains double the statewide goal set in 1990.

1999 KidsCount! in Adams County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	101.5	103.8	64.3 (49 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			47.6 (48 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.5	23.3 (32 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.6	17.3	15.4 (44 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	30.3	32.3	26.6 (38 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.1	77.8	68.4 (18 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.3	77.1	81.8 (28 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.5	9.6	8.9 (26 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.3	7.1	6.8	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	88.7	73.4	75.9	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	651	488	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			17,102		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			8,039		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	48,733	51,794	55,641	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	1,630	1,881	1,904	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	147	336	476	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	68.6	71.6	69.9 (56 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	4.5	4.5	3.7 (51 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.1	15.8	12.8 (28 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	84.5	77.2	56.5 (38 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.9	11.6	8.5 (28 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			8.8		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	389.9	338.0	267.9	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	179.3	158.0	63.2	⇩	34.5

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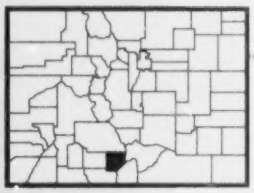

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	16,007
1998 population under 18	4,645
1997 # of live births	250

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$23,114
Median income of married couple family	$27,232
Median income of female headed family	$9,229
# of children living in poverty	1,219
% of children living in poverty	30.5%

Did you know?

Decade of the Child indicators in Alamosa County have yet to meet the statewide goals set in 1990, and are showing no trend toward improvement.

1999 KidsCount! in Alamosa County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	157.6	140.0	104.0 (54 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			81.6 (54 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	44.9	41.5 (54 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.1	10.3	18.1 (50 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.4	19.2	31.6 (47 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.5	43.2	73.6 (28 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	79.3	88.2	83.9 (24 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	11.3	8.9	13.2 (48 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	12.0	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	73.5	64.7	65.4	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	23	26	--	5409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			811		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			393		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,847	2,813	2,822	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	60	129	147	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	28	31	52	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	70.5	88.6	77.8 (46 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.2	2.8	2.2 (32 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.6	19.6	21.2 (47 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.9	55.2	63.1 (43 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	7.0	8.3	13.2 (41 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	154.8	155.0	147.1	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.9	33.0	29.2	--	34.5

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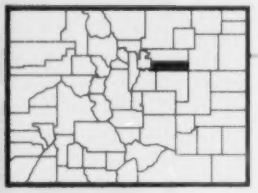

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	472,459
1998 population under 18	121,825
1997 # of live births	6,175

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$44,874
Median income of married couple family	$49,760
Median income of female headed family	$23,830
# of children living in poverty	7,849
% of children living in poverty	7.5%

Did you know?

Arapahoe County's early prenatal care, high school graduation and teen birth rates are all showing improvement and nearing the Decade of the Child goals.

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1999 KidsCount! in Arapahoe County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	45.0	44.6	36.0 (36 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			29.1 (33 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	13.1	15.6 (23 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.4	9.0	11.1 (32 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	18.6	21.3	20.5 (25 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.5	75.6	66.5 (16 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	83.3	86.5	89.7 (8 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.7	9.0	9.2 (29 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.1	7.2	7.1	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	68.2	67.7	62.9	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	627	562	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22,697		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			18,562		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	79,775	85,120	90,745	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	5,928	7,364	7,445	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	340	746	977	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	78.8	82.2	85.9 (26 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	2.9	2.2 (32 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.8	8.6	8.3 (13 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	41.1	38.7	32.6 (21 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	5.0	5.2	4.8 (10 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			10.4		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	46.7	22.0	43.5	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.2	4.0	12.5	--	34.5

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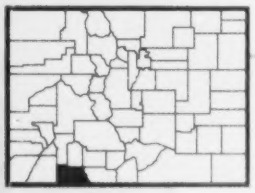

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	9,109
1998 population under 18	2,425
1997 # of live births	97

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$27,359
Median income of married couple family	$29,422
Median income of female headed family	$10,481
# of children living in poverty	360
% of children living in poverty	23.0%

Did you know?

Since 1990, the graduation rate in Archuleta County has declined and moved further from the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

Early prenatal care in the county is on the rise.

1999 KidsCount! in Archuleta County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	83.1	54.7	23.8 (28 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			21.1 (30 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.7	27.9 (42 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.6	14.9	6.5 (15 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.6	28.8	22.7 (28 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.2	100.0	50.0 (3 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	66.7	78.0	79.2 (34 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	11.1	5.1	8.2 (23 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	27	20	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			280		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			201		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,162	1,331	1,510	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	25	81	114	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	7	16	40	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	85.4	83.8	77.3 (50 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	1.9	3.5 (50 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	18.1	15.3	12.4 (25 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	73.4	40.7	39.1 (27 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	8.3	14.0	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	14.5	48.0	59.9	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	8.9	⇧	34.5

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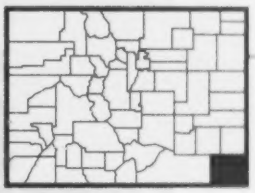

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	4,591
1998 population under 18	1,096
1997 # of live births	46

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$23,054
Median income of married couple family	$24,286
Median income of female headed family	$12,625
# of children living in poverty	242
% of children living in poverty	21.1%

Did you know?

Baca County's high school graduation rate has improved since the start of the decade, and is nearing the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Baca County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	69.8	55.9	38.5 (38 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			35.9 (38 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	31.8	30.3 (46 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.0	7.4	22.9 (59 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.9	13.2	17.4 (13 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	33.3	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.4	71.2	71.7(48 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	8.7 (25 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	3	1	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			167		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			213		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	851	928	911	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	31	10	10	⇩	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	85.7	87.0	88.6 (20 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	1.7	1.8 (28 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.4	17.0	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	63.0	66.7	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.4	5.7	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	2.1	2.0	1.8	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	20.7	0.0	0.0	⇩	34.5

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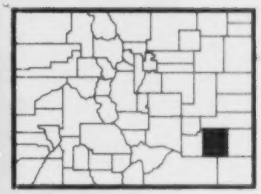

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	5,880
1998 population under 18	1,395
1997 # of live births	63

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$22,325
Median income of married couple family	$24,082
Median income of female headed family	$11,771
# of children living in poverty	350
% of children living in poverty	25.8%

Did you know?

Bent County's 1997 rates for early prenatal care and high school graduation have improved and are at or near the Decade of the Child goals. The low birth weight rate in the county is on the rise, however, and is among the state's worst rates.

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1999 KidsCount! in Bent County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	164.7	146.3	73.1 (50 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			66.8 (50 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	45.5	44.5 (56 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.3	13.9	22.8 (58 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	26.1	29.9	33.3 (49 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	71.4	80.0 (43 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.3	71.6	85.7 (18 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.7	10.4	14.3 (52 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	9	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			153		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			162		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	986	1,022	985	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	6	10	22	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	82.1	84.9	90.9 (11 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.8	2.1	1.0 (11 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	26.1	20.9	23.8 (51 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	71.4	80.6	79.4 (49 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	17.4	7.5	9.5 (30 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	14.9	30.0	4.6	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	49.5	0.0	0.0	⇩	34.5

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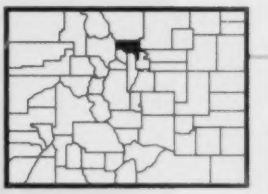

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Boulder County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	270,691
1998 population under 18	63,768
1997 # of live births	3,254

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$43,782
Median income of married couple family	$48,039
Median income of female headed family	$21,430
# of children living in poverty	4,590
% of children living in poverty	9.1%

Did you know?

Boulder County's teen birth rate met the Decade of the Child goal in 1997, and prenatal care and high school graduation rates are improving. The low birth weight rate in the county has risen since 1990, following a statewide trend.

1999 KidsCount! in Boulder County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	41.9	34.4	22.1 (23 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			17.7 (23 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.2	11.9 (16 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	9.7	8.6 (21 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	16.4	17.5	19.5 (20 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.4	72.1	73.4 (26 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.7	84.0	84.0 (23 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	7.0	7.4 (13 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	5.4	5.2	6.1	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	69.9	54.4	44.6	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	554	565	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			11,029		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			8,912		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	38,185	41,140	44,065	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	2,822	4,015	4,689	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	172	277	341	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	80.5	82.8	83.1 (33 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.7	3.4	3.4 (49 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.4	7.2	7.6 (11 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	28.4	25.7	23.6 (11 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.5	5.3	5.8 (15 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	131.7	170.0	154.7	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	31.0	26.0	31.4	--	34.5

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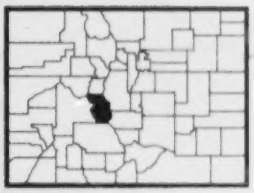

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Chaffee County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	16,571
1998 population under 18	3,555
1997 # of live births	131

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$25,439
Median income of married couple family	$27,130
Median income of female headed family	$10,862
# of children living in poverty	518
% of children living in poverty	18.3%

Did you know?

Chaffee County's teen birth rate has shown great improvement since 1991, and is nearing the Decade of the Child goal of 25 births per 1,000 teens. The high school graduation rate in the county is also nearing the decade goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Chaffee County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	54.0	65.7	33.0 (32 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			30.1 (34 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	22.9	17.2 (26 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.5	10.0	5.0 (8 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.0	18.5	19.8 (22 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	37.0	54.5	76.9 (34 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	83.3	75.8	86.0 (16 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.2	12.9	12.2 (41 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	94.0	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	27	22	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			515		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			348		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,167	2,206	2,206	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	90	222	219	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	21	75	48	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	78.0	75.0	88.2 (21 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	3.7	2.3 (36 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	22.5	17.7	9.9 (19 of 56)	⇩	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	73.8	53.8	27.0 (16 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	6.7	6.5	5.3 (12 of 48)	⇩	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	78.0	72.0	101.2	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	14.2	7.0	5.8	--	34.5

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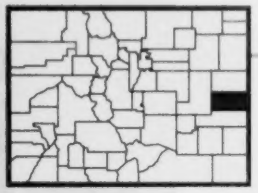

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	2,401
1998 population under 18	714
1997 # of live births	26

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$30,053
Median income of married couple family	$30,788
Median income of female headed family	$18,125
# of children living in poverty	101
% of children living in poverty	13.4%

Did you know?

The high school graduation rate in Cheyenne County has remained high throughout the 1990s and is above the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. Early prenatal care in 1997 is only slightly lower than the decade goal.

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1999 KidsCount! in Cheyenne County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	27.9	36.6	21.0 (21 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			11.0 (12 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	18.6	16.2 (25 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.2	16.6	16.6 (47 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.9	13.6	11.5 (4 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	80.0	59.1	88.5 (12 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.7	*	11.5 (39 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	6	2	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			174		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			74		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	506	511	495	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	2	13	17	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	97.1	100.0	94.4 (7 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.0	0.4 (5 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.8	22.7	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	127.0	71.2	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	6.3	9.0	0.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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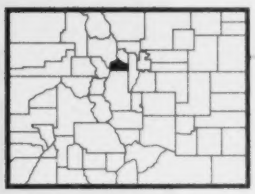

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	9,052
1998 population under 18	2,312
1997 # of live births	74

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$41,111
Median income of married couple family	$43,796
Median income of female headed family	$14,766
# of children living in poverty	214
% of children living in poverty	11.1%

Did you know?

Clear Creek County's graduation rate has worsened since 1991 and is now below the state average and far from the decade goal of 90%. Early prenatal care in 1997, ranked 10th in the state, is near the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Clear Creek County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	32.0	13.3	14.7 (14 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			10.5 (9 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.8	12.8 (18 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	32.0	28.5	25.3 (62 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.4	16.9	20.3 (24 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.5	71.4	80.0 (43 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.3	90.6	88.6 (10 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	12.2	13.6	8.1 (20 of 54)	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	25.4	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	206.4	180.2	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5	5	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			416		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			230		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,443	1,393	1,426	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	59	65	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	7	16	11	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	93.3	81.7	77.8 (46 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.9	4.8	2.9 (42 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.2	5.9	13.5 (29 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	37.7	25.6	32.8 (22 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.1	2.6	6.8 (18 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	39.5	107.0	27.9	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.9	98.0	9.3	--	34.5

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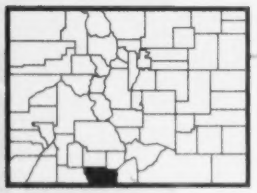

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	7,923
1998 population under 18	2,487
1997 # of live births	129

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$17,155
Median income of married couple family	$19,073
Median income of female headed family	$9,473
# of children living in poverty	1,071
% of children living in poverty	41.4%

Did you know?

Conejos County posted one of the state's best high school graduation rates in 1997, reaching the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. The county's teen birth rate has worsened since 1991 and is now nearly double the state rate.

1999 KidsCount! in Conejos County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	142.5	132.6	125.3 (60 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			114.6 (59 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	51.1	49.6 (59 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.3	10.4	12.8 (37 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.7	25.9	31.0 (46 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	68.8	60.7	65.6 (15 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.9	85.2	85.2 (19 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.2	6.9	5.4 (3 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	25.9	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	153.5	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	10	7	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			370		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			69		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,950	2,002	2,051	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	1	5	10	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	81.8	86.8	92.3 (9 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.9	2.7	1.4 (16 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.5	24.1	24.8 (54 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.6	80.6	87.9 (52 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	5.2	9.6	7.0 (20 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	31.0	n/a	n/a	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	n/a	n/a	--	34.5

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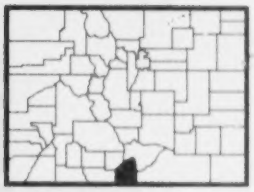

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	3,545
1998 population under 18	971
1997 # of live births	40

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$15,127
Median income of married couple family	$16,474
Median income of female headed family	$7,510
# of children living in poverty	456
% of children living in poverty	50.2%

Did you know?

Costilla County's high school graduation rate of 100% in 1997 is better than the decade goal of 90%. Fewer than two-thirds of pregnant women in the county received early prenatal care in 1997– the worst rate in the state.

1999 KidsCount! in Costilla County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	203.3	189.0	168.0 (62 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97		..	151.3 (62 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	63.3	63.7 (63 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.8	12.0	18.1 (50 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	17.9	38.3	27.5 (41 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	90.9	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	71.1	78.7	62.5 (58 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	5.1	21.3	7.5 (14 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	1	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			75		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			15		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	675	714	753	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	7	10	18	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	90.9	97.4	100.0 (1 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.9	0.0	0.0 (1 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	23.4	12.5 (26 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	102.5	37.0 (24 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	11.9	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	36.9	13.0	0.0	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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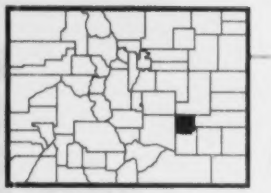

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Crowley County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	4,558
1998 population under 18	1,023
1997 # of live births	46

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$18,345
Median income of married couple family	$19,614
Median income of female headed family	$7,706
# of children living in poverty	263
% of children living in poverty	32.4%

Did you know?

Crowley County has one of the state's best rates for low birth weight, though the Decade of the Child goal of 5% has not yet been met. The county's 1997 high school graduation rate is near the decade goal.

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1999 KidsCount! in Crowley County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	210.5	253.9	185.7 (63 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			155.9 (63 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	51.3	51.0 (60 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.9	13.4	4.9 (7 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	34.1	23.7	32.6 (48 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	100.0	*	90.0 (49 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	68.3	64.9	73.9 (46 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.8	10.5	6.5 (4 of 54)	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	6	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			129		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			166		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	583	614	637	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	28	25	0	⇩	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	8	19	18	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	81.3	89.1	89.7 (16 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	4.0	1.3	2.2 (32 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.1	15.8	21.7 (48 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	93.3	61.9	82.6 (51 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	19.5	*	15.2 (44 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	5.6	7.0	24.3	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	60.9	⇧	34.5

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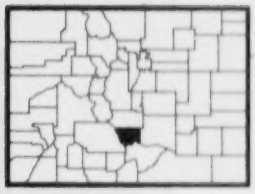

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	3,509
1998 population under 18	868
1997 # of live births	32

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$23,919
Median income of married couple family	$24,797
Median income of female headed family	$11,000
# of children living in poverty	117
% of children living in poverty	24.4%

Did you know?

Custer County's low birth weight rate has risen since 1991, and is now two-and-a-half times the Decade of the Child goal of 5%.

1999 KidsCount! in Custer County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	67.7	71.6	58.1 (47 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			52.2 (49 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.3	24.0 (35 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.6	5.2	3.8 (4 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.3	17.5	21.9 (27 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	60.0	100.0 (51 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	62.5	87.2	68.7 (53 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	4.2	12.5	12.5 (42 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	1	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			92		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			36		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	369	410	430	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	18	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	11	7	31	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	95.7	94.4	84.8 (31 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.5	1.2 (14 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	12.5	9.4 (18 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	57.7	26.3 (15 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	9.4 (29 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	26.6	13.0	44.5	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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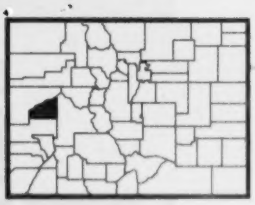

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	26,818
1998 population under 18	6,496
1997 # of live births	306

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$22,197
Median income of married couple family	$23,661
Median income of female headed family	$10,000
# of children living in poverty	1,206
% of children living in poverty	24.1%

Did you know?

Since 1991, Delta County's rates for early prenatal care and low birth weight have improved but fall short of Decade of the Child goals.

1999 KidsCount! in Delta County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	105.2	89.6	53.3 (45 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			44.5 (46 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	31.3	31.7 (47 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.3	15.0	7.9 (20 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.5	31.7	24.5 (31 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	40.5	65.3	57.6 (8 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	53.9	68.7	77.6 (38 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.7	7.7	6.9 (9 of 54)	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	15.4	*	19.6	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	114.1	84.4	94.8	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	31	26	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			657		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			537		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,065	4,564	4,678	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	91	97	62	⇩	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	59	107	165	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	86.8	86.2	86.6 (25 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.9	3.1	1.9 (29 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.2	24.0	19.3 (43 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	62.1	93.6	66.1 (45 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	8.5	15.1	7.2 (21 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	39.5	24.0	40.6	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	3.0	10.1	⇧	34.5

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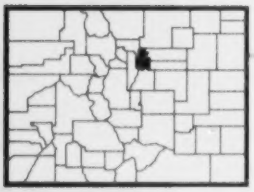

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	506,530
1998 population under 18	136,992
1997 # of live births	9,280

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$32,038
Median income of married couple family	$38,047
Median income of female headed family	$16,365
# of children living in poverty	27,106
% of children living in poverty	27.2%

Did you know?

The low birth weight rate in Denver County has remained high since the start of the decade. The county's teen birth rate is currently double the state rate and 4 times higher than the Decade of the Child goal. The high school graduation rate in Denver County has declined since 1991 and is one of the lowest in the state.

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1999 KidsCount! in Denver County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	195.3	197.4	115.6 (57 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			100.6 (55 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	52.0	54.3 (61 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.9	26.7	25.4 (63 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	38.4	38.7	36.8 (53 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	77.7	80.4	77.1 (37 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	74.5	72.1	76.4 (41 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	10.3	10.3	10.0 (33 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	10.8	8.7	7.8	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	114.4	100.9	84.2	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	754	755	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22,492		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			16,469		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	60,552	62,773	67,858	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	10,910	11,345	11,297	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	212	399	384	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	72.5	67.8	62.7 (59 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	6.8	9.0	6.5 (62 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.8	15.3	15.4 (33 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	87.4	63.9	96.2 (54 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	14.9	15.2	14.1 (43 of 48)	⇩	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			7.2		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	263.3	171.0	284.9	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	33.0	13.0	69.0	--	34.5

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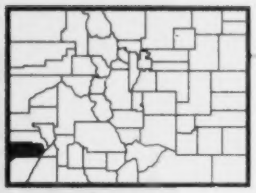

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	1,767
1998 population under 18	437
1997 # of live births	16

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$24,671
Median income of married couple family	$25,150
Median income of female headed family	$9,293
# of children living in poverty	51
% of children living in poverty	12.5%

Did you know?

Dolores County's graduation rate has increased since 1991, and is better than the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. Early prenatal care in the county has also improved since the start of the decade.

1999 KidsCount! in Dolores County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	32.9	37.9	19.2 (19 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			31.2 (35 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	16.6	17.5 (28 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	9.9	9.1 (23 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.4	30.8	18.8 (18 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	61.5	84.6	81.2 (31 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	0	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			62		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			27		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	305	332	361	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	6	15	6	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	5	5	6	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	81.8	95.0	96.2 (4 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.6	1.1	0.5 (6 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	28.6	*	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	111.1	*	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	21.4	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	24.0	0.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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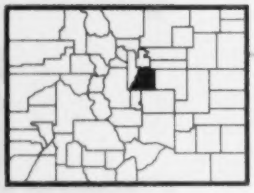

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	140,529
1998 population under 18	41,396
1997 # of live births	2,360

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$54,244
Median income of married couple family	$56,190
Median income of female headed family	$24,957
# of children living in poverty	673
% of children living in poverty	3.6%

Did you know?

Douglas County's 1997 rates for teen births, infant mortality and prenatal care are all at levels better than the decade goals. The low birth weight rate has increased since 1991 to 7.5 per 1,000 births.

1999 KidsCount! in Douglas County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	9.3	10.1	4.9 (5 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			4.4 (5 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	2.1	1.6 (3 of 63)	⇩	30.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	2.4	2.2	2.0 (2 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	5.1	4.9	4.8 (1 of 59)	⇩	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.8	87.2	73.5 (27 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	94.6	95.7	96.3 (1 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.6	7.1	7.5 (14 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	5.4	2.4	2.5	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	58.9	39.8	30.9	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	39	32	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			4,025		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			4,529		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	14,720	20,041	27,275	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	211	482	877	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	90	185	318	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	88.4	90.3	86.8 (22 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	1.0	1.6 (21 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	1.8	2.3	2.1 (1 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	12.8	17.3	10.9 (1 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	0.8	1.1	1.0 (1 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	100.4	107.0	61.4	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.3	10.0	6.3	--	34.5

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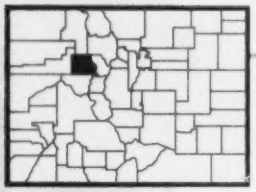

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	33,544
1998 population under 18	9,654
1997 # of live births	600

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$41,183
Median income of married couple family	$44,043
Median income of female headed family	$20,641
# of children living in poverty	437
% of children living in poverty	8.0%

Did you know?

Eagle County's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991 and is lower than the state average. The Decade of the Child goal for graduation is 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Eagle County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	10.1	8.6	4.2 (3 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			3.5 (4 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	13.6	12.7 (17 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	6.1	5.6 (9 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	13.5	13.2	13.7 (7 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.7	46.9	52.8 (4 of 52)	⇩	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.8	74.3	74.1 (45 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.4	12.7	9.5 (31 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	8.8	8.3	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	33.6	98.7	54.0	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	22	29	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,643		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			1,084		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,897	3,515	4,200	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	186	219	300	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	24	19	25	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	82.3	81.8	73.2 (54 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.0	2.6	2.7 (40 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.8	7.0	8.8 (16 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	59.2	49.6	54.1 (37 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.1	5.4	5.8 (15 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	70.1	48.0	71.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	4.0	5.4	⇧	34.5

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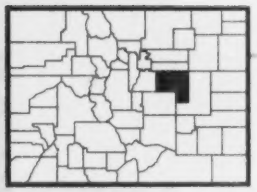

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	18,849
1998 population under 18	5,032
1997 # of live births	200

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$38,193
Median income of married couple family	$39,784
Median income of female headed family	$17,361
# of children living in poverty	197
% of children living in poverty	6.7%

Did you know?

Since the start of the decade, the early prenatal care and low birth weight rates in Elbert County have improved. 1997 early prenatal care and teen birth rates in the county met Decade of the Child goals.

1999 KidsCount! in Elbert County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	24.5	27.6	13.8 (13 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			12.6 (15 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.3	6.7 (8 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	5.2	3.5 (3 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.0	14.0	8.0 (2 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	81.8	75.0 (30 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	85.3	88.2	91.8 (4 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.5	9.4	7.0 (10 of 54)	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	96.2	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	15	6	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			603		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			391		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,192	2,734	3,486	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	19	76	62	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	74.4	88.6	77.6 (49 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.1	1.3	4.5 (55 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	4.4	6.4	6.0 (7 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	16.0	24.5	19.3 (7 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	2.9	2.5 (2 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	16.1	37.0	242.0	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	6.9	0.0	44.9	⇧	34.5

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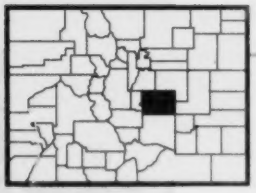

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	490,887
1998 population under 18	133,599
1997 # of live births	7,700

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$33,932
Median income of married couple family	$37,438
Median income of female headed family	$15,499
# of children living in poverty	15,030
% of children living in poverty	14.1%

Did you know?

Rates for early prenatal care and teen births have improved in El Paso County since the start of the decade. Rates for low birth weight and high school graduation have remained comparable to 1991 levels and have made no progress toward the Decade of the Child goals.

1999 KidsCount! in El Paso County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	74.6	76.3	49.5 (42 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			42.3 (43 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	20.2	17.5 (28 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.4	12.7	12.1 (33 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.9	20.8	24.6 (32 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	58.3	63.1	72.1 (25 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.3	83.4	84.3 (21 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	8.6	9.3 (30 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.6	7.1	7.5	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	102.9	69.7	75.1	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	757	649	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			21,931		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			15,120		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	74,130	82,335	87,629	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	4,094	5,658	5,668	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	616	1,352	1,839	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	79.8	75.7	78.0 (45 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	4.8	3.0 (44 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.4	11.8	11.8 (23 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	60.3	56.0	56.6 (39 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	6.1	5.4	6.4 (17 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			9.6		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	147.8	195.0	46.8	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	41.2	77.0	9.1	--	34.5

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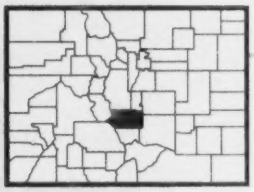

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	42,906
1998 population under 18	9,174
1997 # of live births	410

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$24,350
Median income of married couple family	$26,684
Median income of female headed family	$12,787
# of children living in poverty	1,356
% of children living in poverty	18.9%

Did you know?

The early prenatal care rate has improved since 1991 in Fremont County, and is heading toward the decade goal of 90%. The low birth weight rate and the teen birth rate remain more than double the Decade of the Child goals.

1999 KidsCount! in Fremont County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	127.4	121.5	82.8 (52 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			73.0 (52 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	26.1	25.3 (37 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	21.3	18.1	18.2 (52 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	28.5	33.8	35.9 (51 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.0	72.4	78.3 (40 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	79.8	79.3	83.4 (25 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.3	9.6	10.7 (37 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.0	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	111.2	80.4	54.8	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	72	49	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,132		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			604		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	5,347	6,092	6,526	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	196	232	202	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	59	149	162	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	78.0	75.1	83.1 (33 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	4.3	3.2 (47 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.0	18.8	16.8 (37 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.3	64.5	53.2 (36 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	9.0	13.2	9.5 (30 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	132.3	136.0	132.7	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	64.0	13.0	30.1	⇩	34.5

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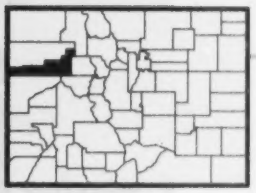

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	39,366
1998 population under 18	11,082
1997 # of live births	595

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$32,377
Median income of married couple family	$35,312
Median income of female headed family	$16,196
# of children living in poverty	853
% of children living in poverty	10.5%

Did you know?

The low birth weight rate in Garfield County started at the decade goal level in 1991 but worsened throughout the decade. The county's teen birth rate in 1997 is twice the Decade of the Child goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Garfield County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	42.7	46.5	23.1 (26 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			17.5 (22 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	14.5	13.4 (19 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.3	14.5	14.2 (41 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	15.4	17.7	21.3 (26 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	49.0	53.7	57.5 (7 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	70.6	73.8	67.7 (54 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	5.0	6.7	8.1 (20 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	6.3	12.5	8.4	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	34.6	71.5	64.5	⇧	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	68	45	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,890		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			887		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	6,866	8,055	8,947	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	253	260	300	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	38	77	86	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	82.1	84.6	81.5 (39 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	2.9	1.7 (23 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	10.6	13.9	12.3 (24 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	53.5	61.7	51.8 (33 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.6	6.4	7.6 (22 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	56.4	36.0	72.6	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	5.7	2.0	2.0	⇩	34.5

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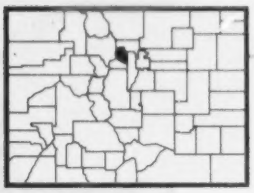

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	4,147
1998 population under 18	991
1997 # of live births	39

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$36,218
Median income of married couple family	$39,840
Median income of female headed family	$16,346
# of children living in poverty	82
% of children living in poverty	11.7%

Did you know?

The rate for early prenatal care has improved in Gilpin County during the 1990s, and has nearly reached the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Gilpin County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	29.3	19.9	14.8 (15 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			11.2 (13 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	8.6	5.3 (6 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.3	29.3	6.2 (12 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.7	32.6	23.1 (30 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	100.0 (51 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.9	80.5	87.2 (15 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	12.9	9.3	17.9 (53 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	1	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			131		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			72		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	351	349	341	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	1	2	10	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	84.0	100.0	80.0 (40 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	0.0	0.0 (1 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	7.0	7.7 (12 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	31.7	22.2 (9 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	7.3	7.7 (23 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	35.6	34.0	25.8	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	21.5	⇧	34.5

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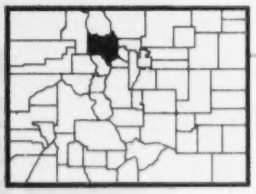

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	10,165
1998 population under 18	2,440
1997 # of live births	111

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$34,072
Median income of married couple family	$35,581
Median income of female headed family	$18,309
# of children living in poverty	147
% of children living in poverty	7.4%

Did you know?

Grand County's 1997 teen birth rate is the 2nd best in Colorado and meets the decade goal. The low birth weight rate in the county has increased since 1991.

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1999 KidsCount! in Grand County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	9.6	15.5	5.6 (6 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			5.0 (6 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.3	10.4 (14 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.4	16.1	7.3 (18 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	12.8	16.4	18.9 (19 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	100.0	66.7	75.0 (30 of 52)	⇩	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	82.8	82.6	88.2 (13 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.6	11.5	12.6 (43 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	9	3	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			394		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			283		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,595	1,632	1,797	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	15	44	92	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	86.7	79.4	85.1 (29 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.5	2.0	1.0 (11 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	5.3	12.3	3.6 (2 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	21.0	54.3	12.3 (2 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.3	4.2	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	25.8	24.0	6.1	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	21.0	0.0	--	34.5

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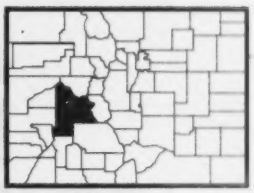

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	12,578
1998 population under 18	3,183
1997 # of live births	121

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$29,533
Median income of married couple family	$32,117
Median income of female headed family	$13,657
# of children living in poverty	234
% of children living in poverty	11.7%

Did you know?

The early prenatal care rate in Gunnison County has remained high throughout the decade and meets the decade goal. The graduation rate has declined since 1991 and is moving further from the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Gunnison County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	23.9	24.0	13.7 (12 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			10.9 (11 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	6.6	5.2 (4 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	8.5	10.2 (26 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.6	13.5	17.4 (13 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	45.5	80.0 (43 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	92.6	92.7	93.3 (3 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	4.5	6.6 (5 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	18	10	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			557		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			320		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,497	1,676	1,679	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	50	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	17	38	57	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	87.1	84.8	80.0 (40 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.7	3.8	1.7 (23 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	3.2	9.9	8.3 (13 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	7.3	18.8	14.1 (3 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	2.4	4.5	4.1 (5 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	85.5	20.0	50.4	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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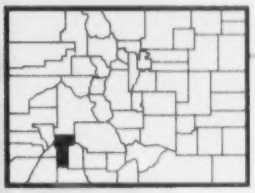

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	740
1998 population under 18	157
1997 # of live births	5

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$30,125
Median income of married couple family	$30,750
Median income of female headed family	$5,000
# of children living in poverty	12
% of children living in poverty	13.8%

Did you know?

Hinsdale County's high school graduation rate has worsened since 1991, moving further from the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Hinsdale County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	34.5	22.0	13.2 (11 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			10.5 (9 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	7.9	8.9 (11 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.3	8.5	10.2 (26 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	*	*	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	*	83.3	*	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	0	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			7		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	44	38	45	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	8	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	13	10	14	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	87.1	84.8	80.0 (40 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	3.8	1.7 (23 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	81.1	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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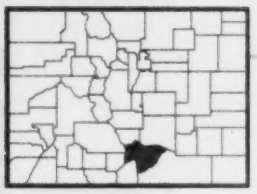

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	7,783
1998 population under 18	1,788
1997 # of live births	61

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$18,955
Median income of married couple family	$20,427
Median income of female headed family	$9,537
# of children living in poverty	549
% of children living in poverty	35.9%

Did you know?

The high school graduation rate in Huerfano County has improved since the start of the decade and meets the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Huerfano County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	200.8	175.3	119.8 (58 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			116.1 (60 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	48.3	45.1 (57 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.8	28.3	23.2 (60 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	3[illegible]	37.0	42.6 (58 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	[illegible]	50.0	66.7 (17 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	70.0	81.1	67.2 (55 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	11.1	13.1 (46 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	8	9	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			277		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			70		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,032	1,139	1,275	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	138	91	7	⇩	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	2	17	22	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	86.1	86.9	90.2 (14 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.3	0.8	4.5 (55 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	22.0	18.5	19.7 (44 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	63.2	41.8	47.6 (30 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.0	7.4	16.4 (46 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	112.0	87.0	108.5	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	50.0	45.2	⇧	34.5

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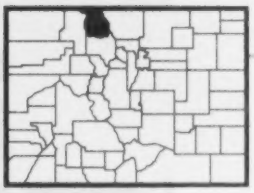

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	1,802
1998 population under 18	430
1997 # of live births	21

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$23,239
Median income of married couple family	$24,716
Median income of female headed family	$8,080
# of children living in poverty	42
% of children living in poverty	10.1%

Did you know?

Jackson County's high school graduation rate has remained high throughout the 1990s, meeting the Decade of the Child goal. In 1997, the county's rate was the state's best.

1999 KidsCount! in Jackson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	'91	'94	'97 (rank)	trend	'97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	21.6	36.5	36.9 (37 of 63)	⇧	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			23.3 (31 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.8	23.9 (34 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.0	5.0	14.9 (43 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	15.0	*	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	56.5	60.0	*	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	13.0	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	0	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			68		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			27		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	306	325	327	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	3	7	9	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	100.0	100.0 (1 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0 (1 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	n/a	5.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	n/a	0.0	--	34.5

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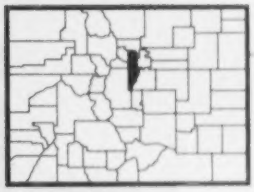

1999 KidsCount! Report Card

Jefferson County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	510,322
1998 population under 18	126,793
1997 # of live births	6,386

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$44,679
Median income of married couple family	$48,294
Median income of female headed family	$24,167
# of children living in poverty	8,103
% of children living in poverty	7.1%

Did you know?

Jefferson County's infant mortality and early prenatal care rates met the Decade of the Child goals in 1997. The teen suicide rate in the county is higher than the state average and more than two-and-a-half times the Decade of the Child goal for that indicator.

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1999 KidsCount! in Jefferson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	35.0	33.0	23.7 (27 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			20.8 (29 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.7	10.1 (13 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.2	7.3	6.4 (13 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	15.6	15.9	18.7 (17 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.7	74.0	77.4 (38 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.9	89.4	90.8 (6 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.1	7.5	8.1 (20 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.4	5.9	5.6	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	64.0	59.0	49.8	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	563	655	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			25,561		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			19,731		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	79,244	84,018	88,006	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	6,233	7,111	7,512	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	386	672	780	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	85.0	82.9	82.6 (35 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.3	3.9	4.1 (53 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.7	7.6	7.5 (10 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	32.2	36.6	28.0 (18 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	4.3	4.6	5.4 (13 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			9.2		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	103.3	114.0	106.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	42.2	30.0	15.5	⇩	34.5

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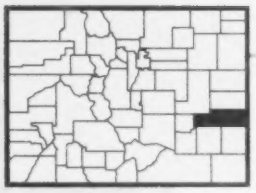

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	1,790
1998 population under 18	437
1997 # of live births	20

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$26,779
Median income of married couple family	$28,438
Median income of female headed family	$13,750
# of children living in poverty	52
% of children living in poverty	10.7%

Did you know?

The early prenatal care rate in Kiowa County has improved since 1991, but remains shy of the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. Though the county's graduation rate remains at the decade goal level, the rate has declined since the early 1990s.

1999 KidsCount! in Kiowa County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	29.1	12.7	32.3 (31 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			32.7 (36 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.7	25.3 (37 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.9	8.5	24.5 (61 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.2	14.3	15.0 (9 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	50.0	66.7	85.0 (20 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	3	1	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			64		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			28		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	419	392	380	⇩	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	0	2	9	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	91.7	90.3 (12 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.5	2.6	1.4 (16 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	25.0 (55 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	61.7 (42 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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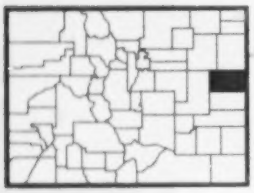

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Kit Carson County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	7,514
1998 population under 18	2,012
1997 # of live births	73

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$27,648
Median income of married couple family	$29,163
Median income of female headed family	$12,157
# of children living in poverty	373
% of children living in poverty	17.8%

Did you know?

Kit Carson's early prenatal care rate has improved since 1991 and has nearly reached the decade goal of 90%. The high school graduation rate in the county has worsened slightly since the start of the decade.

1999 KidsCount! in Kit Carson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	46.2	48.8	22.5 (24 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			19.8 (25 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.7	21.6 (31 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.8	8.6	6.4 (13 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.7	8.1	16.4 (11 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.7	50.0	37.5 (1 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.9	82.6	87.7 (14 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	5.8	*	6.8 (7 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	146.6	*	147.6	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	1	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			379		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			184		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,636	1,658	1,759	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	8	0	0	⇩	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	19	35	55	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	92.7	90.4	89.9 (15 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.4	1.3	1.5 (20 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.4	7.0	11.0 (21 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	64.7	23.0	27.3 (17 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	3.8	*	4.1 (5 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	26.4	34.0	55.2	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	21.0	19.7	⇧	34.5

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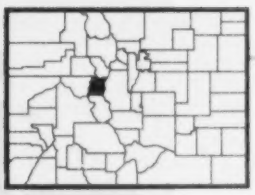

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	8,680
1998 population under 18	2,489
1997 # of live births	100

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$28,950
Median income of married couple family	$29,750
Median income of female headed family	$20,156
# of children living in poverty	285
% of children living in poverty	16.4%

Did you know?

Lake County's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991 and is one of the state's worst in 1997. The early prenatal care rate for the county also is among the state's worst, though it has improved since the start of the decade.

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1999 KidsCount! in Lake County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	17.7	15.3	12.8 (10 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			8.6 (7 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	21.0	26.2 (39 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.6	28.2	12.4 (34 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.8	26.8	37.0 (54 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.2	64.3	83.3 (48 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	54.9	63.5	63.0 (57 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	15.8	13.4	13.0 (45 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	116.1	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	11	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			378		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			974		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,157	1,176	1,369	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	3	27	11	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	72.7	72.0	59.8 (62 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	5.3	6.6	7.9 (63 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.4	14.4	18.0 (41 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	67.7	66.4	52.6 (35 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	7.5	6.2	13.0 (38 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	8.4	13.0	66.3	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	9.7	⇧	34.5

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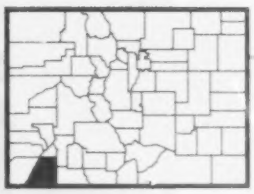

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	42,111
1998 population under 18	10,645
1997 # of live births	413

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$30,788
Median income of married couple family	$33,998
Median income of female headed family	$14,020
# of children living in poverty	1,350
% of children living in poverty	16.5%

Did you know?

The teen birth rate in La Plata County has improved since the start of the decade, and has nearly reached the Decade of the Child goal of 25 births per 1,000 teens. The early prenatal care rate in the county has also shown progress since 1991.

1999 KidsCount! in La Plata County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	Trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	46.4	40.9	16.4 (No of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			14.6 (18 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	19.7	17.2 (26 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.7	7.0	9.1 (23 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.8	22.6	26.4 (37 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	54.7	67.4	76.9 (34 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.3	83.1	84.2 (22 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.7	7.8	8.0 (19 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.3	6.7	7.3	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	82.6	50.3	66.7	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	52	67	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,700		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			247		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	6,018	6,590	6,930	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	370	440	400	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	12	91	107	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	73.2	67.0	79.1 (44 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.3 (36 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.9	9.6	12.6 (27 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	35.4	24.7	28.7 (19 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	6.1	4.1	6.8 (18 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	118.1	109.0	34.8	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	5.5	29.0	0.0	--	34.5

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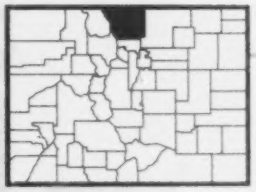

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	232,138
1998 population under 18	57,222
1997 # of live births	2,807

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$36,931
Median income of married couple family	$40,300
Median income of female headed family	$17,606
# of children living in poverty	4,819
% of children living in poverty	10.4%

Did you know?

Larimer County's infant mortality rate has declined since 1991 and met the Decade of the Child goal. The teen birth rate has declined since 1991 and has nearly reached the decade goal of 25 births per 1,000 teens. The teen suicide rate remains twice the decade goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Larimer County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	56.1	55.9	33.9 (35 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			25.3 (32 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	15.1	13.7 (20 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.9	10.1	10.9 (31 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.2	18.9	18.6 (16 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.1	68.6	76.3 (33 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.5	76.4	80.7 (32 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.5	7.1	7.2 (12 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.4	7.2	5.0	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	90.8	67.9	53.2	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	175	179	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			9,247		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			7,682		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	32,902	35,719	38,197	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	1,755	2,401	2,545	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	304	550	574	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	80.7	81.7	81.6 (38 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	3.9	3.0 (44 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	9.7	8.6	8.9 (17 of 56)	⇩	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	34.0	26.9	25.4 (14 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	6.4	5.8	5.7 (14 of 48)	⇩	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			7.7		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	89.5	108.0	128.1	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	29.1	27.0	19.7	--	34.5

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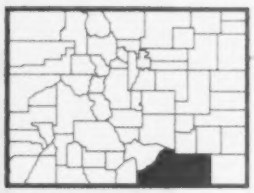

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Las Animas County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	16,208
1998 population under 18	3,963
1997 # of live births	150

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$20,844
Median income of married couple family	$23,826
Median income of female headed family	$11,042
# of children living in poverty	1,144
% of children living in poverty	33.4%

Did you know?

Las Animas County's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991 and is now below the state average. The low birth weight rate has risen to twice the Decade of the Child goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Las Animas County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	197.0	197.0	124.7 (59 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			111.5 (58 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	48.4	47.6 (58 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.2	14.8	14.2 (41 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	33.3	36.1	36.7 (52 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	64.9	61.4	76.9 (34 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.3	71.2	78.7 (36 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	4.6	7.3	10.0 (33 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	15.4	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	113.7	98.2	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	17	18	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			449		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			464		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,320	2,481	2,432	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	128	221	215	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	20	28	65	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	89.7	92.2	77.7 (48 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.8	1.6	3.7 (51 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	19.0	23.0	17.3 (39 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	69.5	75.0	51.0 (32 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	8.2	6.8	8.0 (25 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	65.6	107.0	117.2	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	30.7	105.0	16.6	--	34.5

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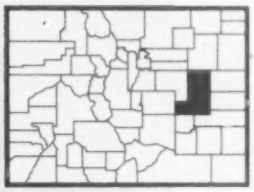

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Lincoln County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	6,653
1998 population under 18	1,473
1997 # of live births	54

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$24,173
Median income of married couple family	$25,909
Median income of female headed family	$13,583
# of children living in poverty	286
% of children living in poverty	24.8%

Did you know?

Lincoln County's early prenatal care rate has nearly reached the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. The county's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991 and is now lower than the decade goal.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	34.4	21.7	30.5 (29 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			20.2 (27 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.1	22.3 (32 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	19.8	28.7	19.1 (55 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.0	20.3	29.6 (44 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.4	71.4	77.8 (39 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	84.2	79.7	88.9 (9 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.6	13.6	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	12	7	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			283		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			190		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	845	940	981	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	6	20	33	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	90.2	85.0 (30 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	0.5	1.3 (15 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.1	11.9	16.7 (36 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.1	39.3	48.9 (31 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	5.1	13.0 (38 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	17.5	13.0	11.0	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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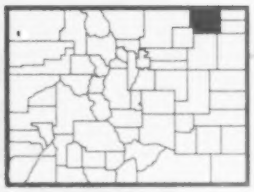

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	18,982
1998 population under 18	4,996
1997 # of live births	252

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$26,436
Median income of married couple family	$29,274
Median income of female headed family	$10,761
# of children living in poverty	845
% of children living in poverty	18.5%

Did you know?

The rate of women receiving early prenatal care in Logan County has decreased since 1991, and is now one of the worst in the state. The low birth weight rate is on the rise, and is now higher than the Decade of the Child goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Logan County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	80.0	96.6	44.6 (41 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			35.6 (37 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.6	24.4 (36 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.9	9.4	10.8 (30 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.4	31.0	24.6 (32 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	60.0	77.3	78.4 (41 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	74.2	75.2	69.2 (52 of 58)	⇩	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	3.7	6.9	7.9 (17 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	18.3	12.2	11.9	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	84.0	134.1	80.3	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	20	44	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			839		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			681		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	3,274	3,372	3,390	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	134	124	115	⇩	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	11	28	58	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	92.8	88.7 (18 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	1.3	2.4 (38 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	18.3	18.0	14.7 (31 of 56)	⇩	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.0	49.9	60.4 (41 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	11.5	9.5	7.9 (24 of 48)	⇩	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	122.9	92.0	95.2	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.6	32.0	4.3	⇩	34.5

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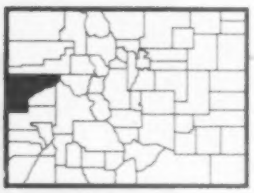

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	112,913
1998 population under 18	28,543
1997 # of live births	1,396

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$27,637
Median income of married couple family	$31,183
Median income of female headed family	$12,577
# of children living in poverty	4,913
% of children living in poverty	20.1%

Did you know?

Since 1991, Mesa County's rates for teen births and early prenatal care have improved. At the same time, the low birth weight rate has increased. The graduation rate is among the state's lowest.

1999 KidsCount! in Mesa County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	117.5	102.6	59.8 (48 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			43.3 (45 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	26.1	27.9 (42 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.9	17.9	18.8 (54 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.9	26.5	27.1 (40 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.9	71.4	70.5 (21 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.9	81.6	85.9 (17 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.0	6.3	7.9 (17 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.6	5.4	8.6	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	93.9	70.4	74.2	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	237	192	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			4,510		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			3,383		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	18,106	19,103	19,750	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	981	1,152	1,065	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	64	192	219	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	71.1	68.4	69.5 (57 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	6.2	6.3	5.6 (61 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.3	16.6	17.0 (38 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	57.5	54.5	51.8 (33 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.3	10.4	10.9 (34 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	103.6	100.0	118.0	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	21.0	21.0	34.7	⇧	34.5

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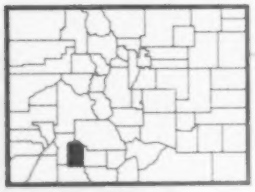

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	702
1998 population under 18	164
1997 # of live births	*

* - fewer than 3

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$22,232
Median income of married couple family	$22,687
Median income of female headed family	$7,743
# of children living in poverty	19
% of children living in poverty	15.2%

Did you know?

Rates and trends for Decade of the Child indicators for Mineral County are not available because the small county population precludes the reporting of many data indicators in order to protect confidentiality.

1999 KidsCount! in Mineral County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	23.8	53.3	33.0 (32 of 63)	⇧	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			36.5 (39 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	18.1	15.0 (22 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	6.0	6.5 (15 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	*	*	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	66.7	100.0	*	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	0	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			32		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			40		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	92	116	147	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	1	1	1	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	100.0	60.0 (61 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	8.2	5.3 (59 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	29.4	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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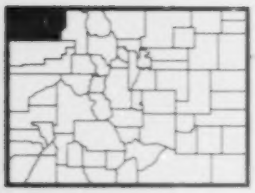

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	12,613
1998 population under 18	3,595
1997 # of live births	159

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$35,577
Median income of married couple family	$38,621
Median income of female headed family	$10,104
# of children living in poverty	464
% of children living in poverty	12.9%

Did you know?

Since 1991, Moffat County's rate for early prenatal care has improved to nearly 82% in 1997. The low birth weight rate in 1997 is two-and-a-half times the Decade of the Child goal.

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1999 KidsCount! in Moffat County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	49.2	53.9	42.5 (39 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			40.5 (42 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.5	16.0 (24 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	21.6	10.3	13.5 (39 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	29.2	24.4	27.0 (39 of 59)	⇩	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.6	83.3	58.3 (9 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.1	78.0	81.8 (28 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.8	7.1	13.2 (48 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	133.1	77.5	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	78	46	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			654		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			257		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,675	2,847	2,832	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	24	65	101	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	81.9	87.0	84.8 (31 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	2.0	3.1 (46 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.9	14.2	15.1 (32 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.2	35.9	42.7 (29 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	9.9	7.9	8.2 (26 of 48)	⇩	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	154.1	170.0	142.5	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	6.0	28.0	47.1	⇧	34.5

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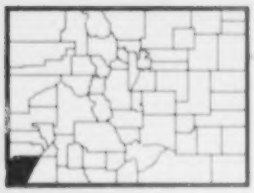

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Montezuma County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	23,225
1998 population under 18	6,674
1997 # of live births	275

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$25,825
Median income of married couple family	$28,548
Median income of female headed family	$11,488
# of children living in poverty	1,505
% of children living in poverty	26.5%

Did you know?

Montezuma County's high school graduation rate has worsened since 1991. The early prenatal care rate has improved, but still lags behind the rest of the state.

1999 KidsCount! in Montezuma County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	95.2	64.9	50.6 (43 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			46.4 (47 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	30.3	34.2 (49 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.6	12.5	14.0 (40 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	32.9	35.9	37.5 (55 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	75.0	68.5	75.0 (30 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	65.2	66.9	70.4 (50 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.9	7.1	10.5 (36 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	85.8	61.3	90.4	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	37	26	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			970		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			572		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,342	4,614	4,632	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	15	68	64	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	42	40	53	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	73.4	68.9	66.4 (58 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.3	5.4	3.2 (47 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.8	16.7	14.5 (30 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	67.5	63.0	42.5 (28 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	12.8	9.8	12.0 (35 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	56.9	42.0	31.0	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	3.0	0.0	--	34.5

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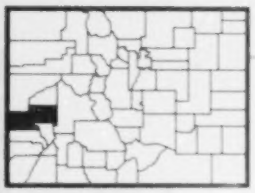

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	31,824
1998 population under 18	8,365
1997 # of live births	431

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$26,804
Median income of married couple family	$29,392
Median income of female headed family	$12,287
# of children living in poverty	1,226
% of children living in poverty	18.6%

Did you know?

The high school graduation rate in Montrose County has declined since 1991 and is one of the state's worst. The rate for early prenatal care has improved since the start of the decade, but is far from the 90% goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Montrose County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	60.0	48.7	44.1 (40 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			37.9 (40 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.3	27.5 (41 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	19.6	19.4	16.7 (49 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.0	24.5	25.5 (36 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	49.2	45.9	60.0 (10 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	61.0	66.5	73.6 (47 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.8	7.6	7.0 (10 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	12.9	*	7.0	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	116.1	52.0	48.4	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	34	82	⇧	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,121		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			732		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	5,046	5,692	5,813	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	183	201	172	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	101	147	222	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	75.1	71.2	62.6 (60 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	5.3	5.3 (59 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	20.4	17.6	17.4 (40 of 56)	⇩	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	76.5	71.7	63.3 (44 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	9.7	7.7	9.5 (30 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	63.4	67.0	101.7	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	9.4	14.0	2.5	--	34.5

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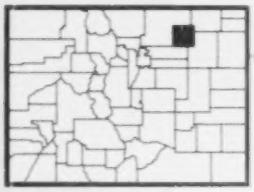

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Morgan County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	27,162
1998 population under 18	8,328
1997 # of live births	473

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$27,463
Median income of married couple family	$30,195
Median income of female headed family	$12,072
# of children living in poverty	1,331
% of children living in poverty	20.5%

Did you know?

Morgan County's teen birth rate has worsened since 1991, despite a statewide trend toward improvement. The county's high school graduation rate has worsened since the start of the decade and is now below the state average.

1999 KidsCount! in Morgan County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	93.2	71.3	51.5 (44 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			38.4 (41 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	34.1	34.3 (50 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.0	14.9	19.1 (55 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.2	24.1	40.2 (57 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	43.8	58.2	80.2 (47 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	63.3	68.1	76.5 (40 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.8	8.1	8.9 (26 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.1	9.0	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	88.6	104.5	48.9	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	121	126	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,292		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			652		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,841	5,149	5,461	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	106	317	376	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	39	51	47	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	82.6	78.5	76.3 (52 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	3.0	2.8 (41 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.2	20.5	20.3 (45 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	84.3	108.2	101.5 (55 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.0	11.8	18.4 (48 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	107.6	75.0	163.5	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.4	21.0	5.7	⇩	34.5

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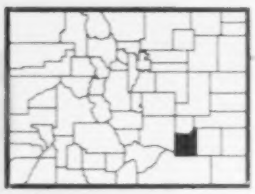

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	21,636
1998 population under 18	6,017
1997 # of live births	281

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$22,239
Median income of married couple family	$25,625
Median income of female headed family	$8,501
# of children living in poverty	1,909
% of children living in poverty	33.3%

Did you know?

Since 1991, Otero County's high school graduation rate has increased, despite a statewide trend toward lower rates. The teen birth rate in the county has increased since the start of the decade, and is one of the state's worst.

1999 KidsCount! in Otero County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	182.6	157.1	112.1 (56 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			102.6 (56 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	46.3	43.7 (55 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.8	11.8	12.4 (34 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	32.0	39.3	39.9 (56 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.3	81.3	74.2 (29 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALT					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.3	69.1	78.6 (37 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	5.7	8.9	6.8 (7 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	52.2	48.0	49.9	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	103	5?	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			870		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			691		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,429	4,511	4,262	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	63	60	99	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	17	45	63	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	80.7	87.0	86.7 (23 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.1	2.0	1.7 (23 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.5	21.1	22.1 (49 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	65.8	77.3	81.6 (50 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	13.1	11.3	13.2 (41 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	116.3	115.0	103.6	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	56.5	70.0	18.2	--	34.5

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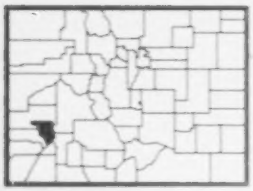

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	3,436
1998 population under 18	800
1997 # of live births	26

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$30,669
Median income of married couple family	$32,104
Median income of female headed family	$18,750
# of children living in poverty	72
% of children living in poverty	12.5%

Did you know?

Ouray County's high school graduation rate has declined since the start of the decade, decreasing from 95.8% in 1991 to 90.3% in 1997. This rate remains slightly above the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Ouray County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	8.2	14.4	12.2 (9 of 63)	⇧	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			12.6 (15 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.6	7.3 (9 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.3	3.1	7.4 (19 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.2	17.6	11.5 (4 of 59)	⇩	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	*	75.8	76.9 (39 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	19.2 (54 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	1	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			70		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			99		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	422	509	593	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	11	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	9	12	16	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	95.8	94.3	90.3 (12 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	1.2	1.0 (11 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	11.5 (22 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	25.2 (13 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	42.1	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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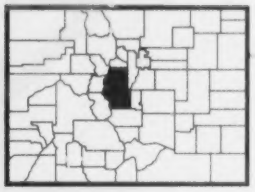

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	13,621
1998 population under 18	3,509
1997 # of live births	134

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$35,491
Median income of married couple family	$36,683
Median income of female headed family	$10,100
# of children living in poverty	222
% of children living in poverty	11.8%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Park County rates for early prenatal care and teen births have met Decade of the Child goals in 1997. The county's graduation rate is also above the decade goal. The low birth weight rate in the county remains high in 1997, and is at a level two-and-a-half times the decade goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Park County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	12.8	18.5	18.8 (18 of 63)	⇧	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			13.1 (17 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.0	11.5 (15 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.4	15.8	12.9 (38 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.4	11.0	10.4 (3 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.7	62.5	62.5 (13 of 52)	⇩	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.3	86.3	91.0 (5 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	10.5	13.2	12.7 (44 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	22.4	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	90.9	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	5	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			360		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			234		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,633	2,045	2,226	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	22	155	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	26	44	68	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	93.2	90.7	98.0 (3 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.3	1.6	0.3 (4 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.3	5.9	6.0 (7 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	27.9	26.4	17.1 (4 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	3.2	2.2	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	31.6	61.0	40.3	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.6	64.0	0.0	--	34.5

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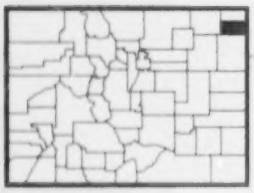

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	4,675
1998 population under 18	1,190
1997 # of live births	60

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$26,051
Median income of married couple family	$27,444
Median income of female headed family	$12,750
# of children living in poverty	184
% of children living in poverty	17.0%

Did you know?

Phillips County's early prenatal care rate has declined since 1991, despite a statewide trend toward improvement. The teen birth rate in the county is on the rise, moving further from the decade goal of 25 births per 1,000 teens. The high school graduation rate for Phillips County remains one of the state's best.

1999 KidsCount! in Phillips County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	32.6	37.7	8.5 (7 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			12.2 (14 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.6	18.5 (30 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	2.6	16.2	6.0 (11 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.5	18.5	16.7 (12 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	66.7	60.0 (10 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	87.2	81.5	75.0 (44 of 58)	⇩	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	2	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			151		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			129		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	897	952	969	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	3	9	16	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	96.4	97.2	95.8 (5 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.2	1.5	0.8 (9 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.5	11.1	8.3 (13 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	25.8	39.8	32.3 (20 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	13.0	8.3 (27 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	8.1	27.0	26.6	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	17.7	⇧	34.5

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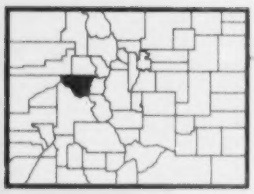

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	14,580
1998 population under 18	2,881
1997 # of live births	145

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$52,976
Median income of married couple family	$57,846
Median income of female headed family	$31,250
# of children living in poverty	78
% of children living in poverty	3.7%

Did you know?

Pitkin County's high school graduation rate is lower in 1997 than in 1991, and is now below the decade goal of 90%. The early prenatal care rate has improved since the start of the decade to 80.6% in 1997.

1999 KidsCount! in Pitkin County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	5.8	2.8	2.0 (2 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			1.1 (1 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	0.0	0.0 (1 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.2	2.5	1.4 (1 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	16.8	15.3	20.0 (23 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	75.0	77.8	71.4 (22 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.7	84.6	80.6 (33 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	10.3	10.3	7.6 (16 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	135.6	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5	5	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			562		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			572		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,080	1,197	1,290	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	200	228	183	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	0	2	0	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	94.5	95.7	81.7 (37 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.5	1.7	1.6 (21 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	2.6	5.7	4.8 (3 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	19.5	36.2	23.6 (11 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	3.2	4.8	4.1 (5 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	41.6	23.0	35.3	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	11.0	8.2	⇧	34.5

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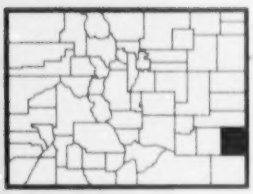

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	14,048
1998 population under 18	4,283
1997 # of live births	214

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$23,931
Median income of married couple family	$26,929
Median income of female headed family	$10,678
# of children living in poverty	1,127
% of children living in poverty	27.3%

Did you know?

The teen birth rate in Prowers County has worsened since 1991, and is now nearly four times higher than the decade goal. The county also remains far from Decade of the Child goals for early prenatal care and low birth weight.

1999 KidsCount! in Prowers County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	126.1	117.4	82.5 (51 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			67.6 (51 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	39.4	37.5 (52 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.7	10.5	10.6 (29 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	33.8	33.0	30.4 (45 of 59)	⇩	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.6	72.9	64.7 (14 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	64.4	60.5	69.6 (51 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.9	8.1	11.7 (40 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	186.5	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	33	24	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			672		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			637		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,945	3,048	2,982	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	43	59	19	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	6	14	29	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	80.0	79.9	77.0 (51 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.6	3.4	2.9 (42 of 63)	⇩	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.9	21.7	23.8 (51 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	62.4	84.1	92.9 (53 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	14.4	15.5	12.1 (36 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	20.0	44.0	94.7	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	5.0	5.0	⇧	34.5

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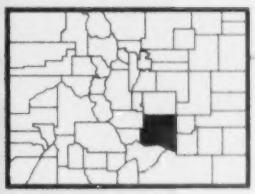

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	135,935
1998 population under 18	34,089
1997 # of live births	1,774

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$25,784
Median income of married couple family	$29,741
Median income of female headed family	$11,016
# of children living in poverty	9,352
% of children living in poverty	29.3%

Did you know?

Pueblo County's high school graduation rate has improved since 1991, and is closer to the decade goal of 90%. Rates for low birth weight and infant mortality are on the rise.

1999 KidsCount! in Pueblo County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	214.1	208.5	145.1 (61 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			131.2 (61 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	37.9	36.7 (51 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	15.7	19.6	22.7 (57 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	37.6	41.4	45.7 (59 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.9	79.3	80.0 (43 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.1	82.8	83.1 (27 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	7.1	9.4	10.1 (35 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.8	8.5	11.3	⇧	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	63.6	99.6	100.1	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	232	192	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			5,277		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			3,551		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	22,578	22,750	24,057	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	670	851	854	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	74	168	215	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	77.5	85.0	85.2 (28 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.5	4.0	4.9 (58 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	20.2	20.3	20.3 (45 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	75.5	71.7	67.1 (46 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	13.9	13.9	16.9 (47 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	321.0	223.0	325.8	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	269.5	122.0	143.4	⇩	34.5

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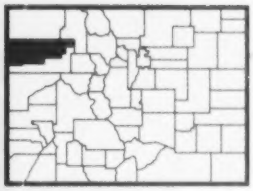

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	7,264
1998 population under 18	1,862
1997 # of live births	61

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$34,122
Median income of married couple family	$36,141
Median income of female headed family	$14,375
# of children living in poverty	290
% of children living in poverty	16.5%

Did you know?

Rio Blanco County's teen birth rate is better than the state average, but still higher than the decade goal of 25 births per 1,000 teens. The rate for early prenatal care in the county has shown no improvement since 1991.

1999 KidsCount! in Rio Blanco County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	35.0	37.1	31.7 (30 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			16.3 (21 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.1	13.7 (20 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.6	18.5	15.5 (45 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	11.7	14.5	23.0 (29 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	61.5	45.5 (2 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.0	72.6	75.9 (42 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	4.8	13.1 (46 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	145.1	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	14	15	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			283		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			255		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,479	1,617	1,516	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	8	33	28	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	92.2	84.3	88.7 (18 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.7	2.7	1.7 (23 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.8	21.0	18.0 (41 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	22.3	38.2	37.2 (25 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	3.9	4.8	4.9 (11 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	18.8	46.0	41.5	⇧	155.7
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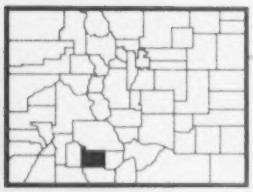

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1998 population	12,226
1998 population under 18	3,459
1997 # of live births	137

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)

Median family income	$21,370
Median income of married couple family	$24,245
Median income of female headed family	$11,525
# of children living in poverty	1,000
% of children living in poverty	31.8%

Did you know?

Rio Grande County has the state's best rate for low birth weight in 1997, meeting the decade goal of 5%. The 1997 teen birth rate is three times higher than the Decade of the Child goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Rio Grande County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	136.9	154.1	107.0 (55 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			104. 7 (57 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	41.1	37.9 (53 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.5	6.0	6.5 (15 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.1	24.3	35.0 (50 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.0	60.0	69.4 (19 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.2	83.2	78.8 (35 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	10.1	7.9	4.4 (1 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	16.8	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	178.7	113.3	*	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	24	17	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			567		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			174		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,562	2,580	2,672	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	14	17	36	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	11	39	26	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	83.5	79.8	86.7 (23 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	2.2	2.5 (39 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.8	19.7	26.3 (56 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	69.6	69.8	75.9 (47 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.6	8.2	13.1 (40 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	71.0	83.0	107.4	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	19.7	44.0	49.4	⇧	34.5

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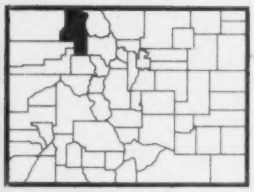

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Routt County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	17,860
1998 population under 18	4,468
1997 # of live births	175

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$37,050
Median income of married couple family	$40,300
Median income of female headed family	$15,404
# of children living in poverty	365
% of children living in poverty	10.4%

Did you know?

The rate for early prenatal care in Routt County has improved since the start of the decade, and is the state's second best in 1997. The county's teen birth rate has also met the decade goal in 1997. The low birth weight rate has worsened since 1991.

1999 KidsCount! in Routt County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	12.9	11.5	4.7 (4 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			2.9 (3 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	6.8	6.4 (7 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.6	6.4	4.5 (6 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	12.2	17.9	15.4 (10 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	37.5	100.0	92.3 (50 of 52)	⇧	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.9	80.4	95.3 (2 of 58)	⇧	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.6	8.3	10.9 (38 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	16.6	17.9	*	⇩	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	138.9	126.2	*	⇩	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	22	19	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			802		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			712		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,532	2,856	2,978	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	103	194	229	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	23	7	11	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	90.4	85.0	85.6 (27 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	1.7	0.6 (7 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.8	4.2	7.4 (9 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	44.8	15.9	20.4 (8 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	2.2	1.8	2.9 (3 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)		*	*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	16.6	40.0	62.2	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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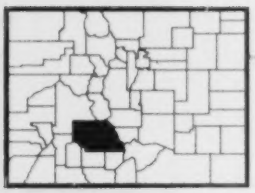

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Saguache County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	6,053
1998 population under 18	1,833
1997 # of live births	91

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$18,915
Median income of married couple family	$21,907
Median income of female headed family	$9,091
# of children living in poverty	610
% of children living in poverty	42.4%

Did you know?

Saguache County's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991, and is currently the state's lowest. The low birth weight rate in the county is one of best in the state.

1999 KidsCount! in Saguache County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	151.4	148.9	96.3 (53 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			80.0 (53 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	62.9	63.3 (62 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	10.7	10.3 (28 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.8	27.6	25.3 (35 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.3	52.9	57.1 (6 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.5	84.2	71.4 (49 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	6.6	6.6 (5 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	12	7	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			194		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			--		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	965	1,116	1,144	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	20	0	25	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	8	8	29	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	74.2	68.6	59.1 (63 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.8	6.9	4.2 (54 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.7	22.4	23.1 (50 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	87.4	92.2	103.4 (56 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	8.3	10.7	15.4 (45 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	29.4	61.0	64.7	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	12.4	⇧	34.5

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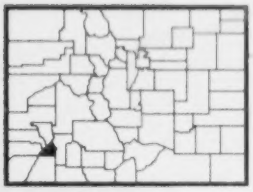

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	562
1998 population under 18	151
1997 # of live births	3

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$28,906
Median income of married couple family	$29,286
Median income of female headed family	$22,917
# of children living in poverty	33
% of children living in poverty	14.8%

Did you know?

Rates and trends for San Juan County Decade of the Child indicators are not available because the small county population precludes the reporting of many data indicators to protect confidentiality.

1999 KidsCount! in San Juan County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	51.4	55.9	33.7 (34 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			20.5 (28 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	15.1	0.0 (1 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	18.6 (53 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	*	*	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	71.4	66.7	*	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	2	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			37		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			--		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	119	93	102	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	10	6	8	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	100.0	72.7 (55 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	1.7	1.4 (16 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	215.7	143.0	142.9	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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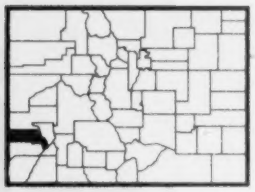

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	5,859
1998 population under 18	1,423
1997 # of live births	55

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$32,708
Median income of married couple family	$37,560
Median income of female headed family	$11,447
# of children living in poverty	96
% of children living in poverty	11.9%

Did you know?

San Miguel County's teen birth rate met the Decade of the Child goal in 1997, and ranks fifth in the state. The county's high school graduation rate also reached the Decade of the Child goal in 1997.

1999 KidsCount! in San Miguel County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	18.9	9.2	9.6 (8 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			10.3 (8 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	8.4	8.4 (10 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	13.9	1.8	4.3 (5 of 63)	⇩	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	18.8	16.7	14.5 (8 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.3	83.0	75. 9 (42 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	10.4	8.3	9.1 (28 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	4	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			217		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			138		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	665	786	833	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	6	11	22	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	83.3	95.7	94.5 (6 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	0.6	0.7 (8 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.3	8.3	5.5 (5 of 56)	⇩	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	50.6	35.2	17.2 (5 of 56)	⇩	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	21.4	15.0	68.6	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	29.6	22.0	15.9	⇩	34.5

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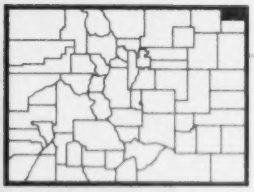

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Sedgwick County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	2,762
1998 population under 18	605
1997 # of live births	29

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$23,569
Median income of married couple family	$24,187
Median income of female headed family	$13,760
# of children living in poverty	103
% of children living in poverty	16.0%

Did you know?

Sedgwick County's teen birth rate has increased since 1991 and is now three times the decade goal. The county's high school graduation rate is lower in 1997 than in 1991, but remains close to the decade goal of 90%.

1999 KidsCount! in Sedgwick County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	58.6	47.0	19.9 (20 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			19.2 (24 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.3	29.2 (45 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.7	18.0	9.9 (25 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.0	20.0	27.6 (42 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	71.4	71.4 (22 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	68.8	88.6	*	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	161.0	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	2	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			103		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			76		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	520	498	497	--	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	4	3	2	--	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	93.3	97.8	89.1 (17 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	0.7	0.0	0.8 (9 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.5	20.0	24.1 (53 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	44.9	70.2	77.8 (48 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	*	8.6	10.3 (33 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	6.2	23.0	10.4	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	33.0	0.0	--	34.5

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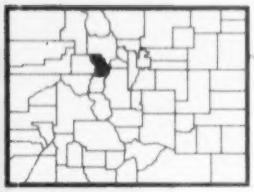

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	19,649
1998 population under 18	4,736
1997 # of live births	220

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$41,709
Median income of married couple family	$44,539
Median income of female headed family	$21,641
# of children living in poverty	172
% of children living in poverty	6.5%

Did you know?

Summit County's teen birth rate met the Decade of the Child goal in 1997, and the county's rate for early prenatal care is nearing the decade goal. The county's low birth weight rate is above the state average and is nearly 3 times the decade goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Summit County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	5.0	1.9	1.9 (1 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			2.3 (2 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	3.9	5.2 (4 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.0	14.4	5.7 (10 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.1	10.1	12.7 (6 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	55.6	54.5 (5 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	85.6	86.5	88.6 (10 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	12.0	13.9	13.6 (50 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	14.4	13.6	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	114.7	132.5	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	10	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			823		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			863		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,738	2,157	2,435	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	35	72	63	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	3	6	19	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	80.8	81.9	81.9 (36 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	2.8	1.9 (29 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	3.3	4.3	5.0 (4 of 56)	⇧	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	26.3	27.8	22.9 (10 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	0.5	2.4	3.2 (4 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	79.1	70.0	88.6	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.4	9.0	0.0	--	34.5

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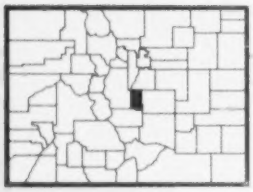

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Teller County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	21,176
1998 population under 18	5,576
1997 # of live births	220

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$35,370
Median income of married couple family	$36,847
Median income of female headed family	$15,202
# of children living in poverty	392
% of children living in poverty	11.1%

Did you know?

Teller County has met Decade of the Child goals in 1997 for the early prenatal care rate (90%) and the teen birth rate (25 births per 1,000 teens). The county's graduation rate has shown no improvement since 1991.

1999 KidsCount! in Teller County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	43.6	45.6	22.5 (24 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			20.0 (26 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.1	9.0 (12 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.5	13.5	16.2 (46 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.7	15.7	17.7 (15 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.7	66.7	61.5 (12 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	88.6	89.2	90.0 (7 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	8.6	13.0	9.5 (31 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	88.5	75.2	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	36	35	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			792		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			454		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,753	3,392	3,912	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	12	64	57	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	36	82	150	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	79.9	86.3	79.8 (43 of 63)	--	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.7	2.0	1.9 (29 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.9	6.5	5.9 (6 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	28.8	22.2	17.9 (6 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	3.4	2.7	4.1 (5 of 48)	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	93.0	129.0	113.3	--	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	54.2	22.0	42.8	--	34.5

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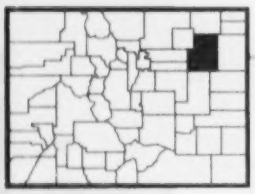

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Washington County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	5,403
1998 population under 18	1,365
1997 # of live births	44

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$24,351
Median income of married couple family	$25,759
Median income of female headed family	$12,273
# of children living in poverty	288
% of children living in poverty	22.2%

Did you know?

Washington County's high school graduation rate met the Decade of the Child goal in 1997, reaching 91.4%. Despite a statewide trend toward improvement, the county's rate for early prenatal care has remained stagnant since 1991.

1999 KidsCount! in Washington County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	30.3	41.9	17.5 (17 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			16.1 (20 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.9	28.0 (44 of 63)	⇩	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	14.1	22.1	16.6 (47 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.8	19.4	25.0 (34 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	83.3	75.0	71.4 (22 of 52)	⇩	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.1	81.9	81.8 (28 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	5.6	13.6 (50 of 54)	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	70.3	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	8	11	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			201		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			172		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	948	1,021	1,064	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	0	0	0	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	4	17	30	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	85.0	83.6	91.4 (10 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	2.6	1.6	2.2 (32 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.3	11.1	15.9 (34 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	38.0	42.9	35.5 (23 of 56)	--	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	11.3	8.5	*	--	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	6.0	7.2	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	34.5

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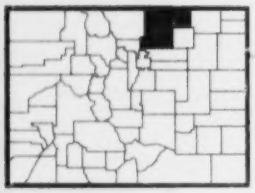

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Weld County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	160,443
1998 population under 18	44,256
1997 # of live births	2,531

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$30,800
Median income of married couple family	$33,906
Median income of female headed family	$13,609
# of children living in poverty	6,839
% of children living in poverty	18.9%

Did you know?

Many of Weld County's Decade of the Child indicators have worsened since 1991, including rates for low birth weight, infant mortality, teen births and high school graduation. The county's rate for early prenatal care is one of the state's worst.

1999 KidsCount! in Weld County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	99.0	96.5	55.8 (46 of 63)	⇩	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			42.9 (44 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	33.1	31.9 (48 of 63)	--	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.1	16.1	12.5 (36 of 63)	⇧	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.6	32.8	28.3 (43 of 59)	--	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.3	74.4	70.4 (20 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	67.1	71.8	67.2 (55 of 58)	--	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.9	6.4	8.3 (24 of 54)	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	6.7	6.2	8.7	⇧	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	81.6	72.9	80.4	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	226	200	⇩	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			7,392		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			4,924		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	23,622	25,302	27,608	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	392	1,214	1,191	⇧	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	79	115	165	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	83.1	77.7	74.1 (53 of 63)	⇩	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	3.2	4.7	4.6 (57 of 63)	⇧	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.4	16.0	16.0 (35 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	55.4	57.0	58.2 (40 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	10.5	12.9	12.5 (37 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			13.9		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	96.6	118.0	117.1	⇧	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	21.0	16.0	28.5	--	34.5

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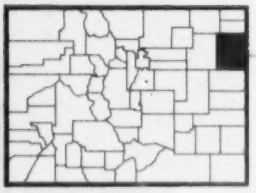

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1998 population	9,707
1998 population under 18	2,521
1997 # of live births	132

FAMILY ECONOMICS (1990 CENSUS)	
Median family income	$26,465
Median income of married couple family	$27,525
Median income of female headed family	$10,000
# of children living in poverty	381
% of children living in poverty	15.0%

Did you know?

Yuma County's high school graduation rate met the Decade of the Child goal in 1997, and the rate for low birth weight is one of the state's best. The rate for early prenatal care in the county has worsened since 1991, and is now below the decade goal.

1999 KidsCount! in Yuma County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	97 (rank)	trend	97 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000) 1-6/97	30.7	34.6	21.7 (22 of 63)	--	53.4
Children receiving TANF (per 1,000) 7-12/97			15.0 (19 of 63)		44.7
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.1	26.5 (40 of 63)	⇧	21.9
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.2	7.5	8.7 (22 of 63)	--	13.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.0	9.4	19.7 (21 of 59)	⇧	25.2
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	50.0	78.6 (42 of 52)	--	72.7
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	90.0	86.3	83.3 (26 of 58)	⇩	82.9
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	6.3	5.3 (2 of 54)	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	7.0
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	77.8	*	*	--	66.0
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	21	20	--	5,409
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			381		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1998)			330		127,675
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,872	1,910	2,040	⇧	687,167
K-12 private school students (#)	9	64	23	--	48,768
K-12 home school students (#)	11	30	36	⇧	8,590
High school graduation rate (%)	86.7	87.2	94.1 (8 of 63)	⇧	78.5
High school dropout rate (%)	1.3	1.7	1.4 (16 of 63)	--	3.6
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.3	12.5	10.6 (20 of 56)	--	11.8
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	26.2	36.7	38.7 (26 of 56)	⇧	47.4
Three risk factor births (%)	2.7	4.3	4.5 (9 of 48)	⇧	8.2
Teen suicide rate 93-97 ave. (per 100,000)			*		8.7
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	73.2	23.0	27.2	⇩	155.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	8.2	8.0	0.0	⇩	34.5

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KidsCount in Colorado!

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BrainChild

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"We have the information. Let's use it!" Eighty percent of brain growth takes place in the first three years of life. The Campaign's renowned project, BrainChild, is designed to translate the new science around brain development into practical steps parents and other caregivers can take to ensure optimum cognitive development for children. Tip sheets for parents, training materials for child care providers, public awareness campaigns, conferences on brain development, and recommendations for policy makers are just part of this project.

Kids' Caucus

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Public policy decisions shape the world our children will inherit. In 1996, the Colorado Children's Campaign created the Kids' Caucus to coordinate major initiatives that would improve the health, education, and safety of children. Our goals are to be above politics and to focus state resources on early prevention of the problems in the lives of children and their families. The Kids' Caucus has created tax breaks for parents, expanded The Child Health Plan, created a tax check off fund for quality child care, streamlined child care, and funded the Youth Crime Prevention and Intervention Fund with the support of 250 phone tree volunteers.

The Doll Project

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The Doll Project helps raise public awareness about the needs of children. Every April, a grassroots army of volunteers throughout the state makes thousands of cardboard dolls that represent the real stories of Colorado children. Major improvements in the health, education, and safety of children have been passed in the state legislature because the dolls have created heightened awareness about our kids.

Corporate Campaign for Kids

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A committee of today's corporate business leaders has been formed with the pledge to make Colorado "the best place to raise a child." The Corporate Campaign for Kids is committed to the goal of using their brains, their know-how, and their connections to help Colorado children measure up to, and exceed, national standards for health, safety, and educational performance.

'98 Campaign for Kids

It's About Kids

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